

7th Grade Band Calendar

- **IMMS Jazz Ensemble** - rehearsals start October 18 (3:45 pm - 4:30 pm)
- **IMMS Solo/Ensemble Festival** - Wednesday, November 13, 2019 (4:00 - 8:00 pm @ IMMS)
- **7th/8th Grade Band Concert** - Thursday, January 16, 2020 (7:00 pm @ MHS PAC)
- **BAND-O-RAMA** - Saturday, February 15, 2020 (Time TBA @ MHS 'A' Gym)
- **IMMS Jazz Ensemble** - Wednesday, February 26, 2020 (7:30 pm @ MHS PAC)
- **7th/8th Grade Band Concert** - Thursday, May 7, 2020 (7:00 pm @ MHS PAC)
- **Memorial Day Parade** - Monday, May 25, 2020 (12:00 pm)
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7th Grade Band Class is slightly different than a student's experience in 6th Grade Band. The main change is that the Large Group and Small Group elements of the Band will be happening simultaneously.

Students in 7th Grade Band are scheduled in either Day 1 or Day 2 (2:53 pm - 3:34 pm), the Large Group portion of the class is taught by Mr. Vanderbloemen. Mr. Hartson and Mr. Petersen teach the Small Group Lessons.

All of the Small Group Lessons are taught in the Band Room concurrently with the Large Group Class. Students will work with Mr. Hartson and/or Mr. Petersen for half of the class. Generally, a 7th Grade Band student will work in a Small Group once every 10 school days.

Some things, however, do not change...

Classroom Rules/Expectations

As in 6th Grade, we expect that students have a working knowledge of the School-wide expectations outlined in the IMMS Family Handbook. I encourage students and families to refer to that document as needed. In the Band Classroom, we do have two expectations that might not explicitly appear in the Handbook.

1. **No Gum** - This is not new, but is here for re-emphasis. Gum can be a hazard to both students and their instruments. It is not allowed at any time in the Band room.
2. **The Podium Rule** - Again, nothing new here, but a chance for all to remember that any Teacher (or other adult) who steps on the podium expects the students to become quiet, listen, follow directions, and work efficiently.

There they are, two rules - any questions? Please ask.

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Academic Grading

Students in 7th Grade will earn grades in the Infinite Campus Gradebook. Below are the specific things students will be taught and assessed on.

- I. **Instrumental Technique** - throughout the year students will study the skills needed to further develop on their specific instrument
- II. **Tone** - the most important thing we do is produce an excellent tone, 7th Grade students will continue to learn to develop the characteristic tone for their instrument
- III. **Accuracy** - placing the right note at the right time - in 7th grade this become more complex and interesting
- IV. **Musical Literacy** - interpreting the symbols on the printed page, an essential skill for musicians - this is how we convey the intent of the composer
- V. **Contribution to Successful Rehearsals** - we continue to work on the skills necessary to refine and develop music

Our work above culminates in performances. Attendance and participation at all performances is required of all Band Students. This is our chance to reveal what we have learned to the audience.

Conduct and Effort

In Band Classes, **Conduct** is among the choices students make on a daily basis. The best way to determine if the conduct a student chooses is appropriate is to ask, "Is this behavior helpful or harmful to the progress of the class?"

Effort is an entirely different topic - also a choice - attending Small Group Lessons is a choice, having all the proper materials in class daily is a choice.

Conduct and Effort are assessed daily in the classroom.