

WELCOME TO JOHNSON BAND 2016-2017!

Additional Information for Members and Their Parents

Welcome! Glad to Have You With Us This Year!

If you need to contact the director, please email anne.marie.person@spps.org. I try to answer email at least once each business day, but the time varies.

Saving Dates

Save the dates on the events schedule now!

We always report to the band room for any event, and return there afterwards.

School Supplies List for Band

- pencil with an eraser-bring to class daily!
- band shirt (see details below)
- black and white formal concert attire (see details below)
- proper supplies for your instrument (varies by instrument)

Supplies for your Instrument

Percussion: 2B drumsticks in natural color, either hickory or maple

Clarinets and Saxes: cork grease, clean swab, two reeds (plan one new reed per month)

Brass: valve oil (plan a bottle each month)

Flutes: small lint-free cloth (launder monthly)

- We stock the following items at school, but you may buy them wherever you wish: Our price is \$3 each: Valve oil, Reeds, Cork grease, Swabs

Formal Concert Attire You Need to Wear for Concerts and Graduation

- white button-front shirt with collar and sleeves
 - black dress pants (not jeans or sweatpants) or black floor-length skirt
 - black dress shoes (clean and shined)
 - black sox (above ankle) (also used with marching band shoes) or black hosiery
 - black neckwear (solid black): necktie, bowtie, collar tab, or fashion scarf
- Any belt should be plain black; any jewelry / barrettes small and silver, black, or white.

Students who have played in band or orchestra at the Ordway Honors Concert may request permission to add a black vest or black sportcoat / blazer.

Band Shirts

- all band members are expected to have a band shirt
- band shirts are available for \$10
- first year band students receive their shirt for FREE if they do the following on time:
 1. return their band forms
 - 2..get fitted for their marching shoes the first week of school
 3. get appropriate supplies and their instrument the first week of school
 4. participate in band functions on September 17

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Clothing Choices for Band Class and Events

All band instruments take two hands to play, and all band students spend some time marching. No hands are left over for holding up pants. Follow school rules, and wear pants that stay up on their own, or use a belt or suspenders.

Instruments

A limited number of school instruments are available.

They are assigned to students who have

- gotten their uniform shoes fitted,
- returned their signed band forms, and
- have obtained the instrument supplies listed for their instrument. (see supplies list)

Every year there are high-demand instruments we run out of, so be prepared with a second choice.

There is no fee to use the instruments, but families must pay for any damage, and purchase proper supplies for daily upkeep and cleaning. (see supplies list)

Daily Participation Routine and Expectations

- Come to rehearsal on time with all proper materials
- Be ready to play within three minutes of the bell
- Turn your cellphone off before class starts and leave it off throughout class.
- Have a pencil every day-mark what the teacher tells you about the music
- Place cases and backpacks under or to the right of your chair
- Allowed: water bottles; Not allowed: food, gum, outerwear, hats, and electronics
- Start and stop with the director
- Be active listeners, including the times when others are playing and you are not
- Use correct posture when playing (feet flat on the floor & tall posture)
- Wait in your seat for the bell at the end of the rehearsal

Conduct Expectations

- Be courteous and respectful
- Listen to & follow directions the first time
- Bring your best attitude to each rehearsal and event
- Always try your best

We want you to be:

On Time

On Task

In Tune

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