

6th Grade Band
O'Donnell Middle School
Period 5, Day BDF
Mrs. Horan

Welcome to band at the O'Donnell Middle School. Here is some information that will help you have a successful year!

Class Meeting Times

Day BDF Period 5 11:39-12:28

Materials

You must bring the following materials to each class:

- **Instrument (with your NAME on the case/tag):** You must have your instrument to receive credit for the day!
- **3-Ring Binder (with your music inside and handouts inside)**
- **Red Book-** Standard of Excellence Book 1
- **Pencil-** Keep it in your binder or your case!

Don't forget to keep important extras such as reeds, cork grease, valve oil, and cleaners in your case at all times.

Instrument Storage

Instruments can be stored in the band room in the instrument closet on the shelves that are labeled for your instrument. It is important that you **do not** leave your instrument on the stairs outside the band room, on the stage in the cafeteria, in a classroom, a hallway, or a locker.

Grades

You will get a grade in band this year! Remember that band is a class, and you cannot go anywhere else during band time. See grading policy!

It is **EASY** to get a good grade in band. The main parts of your grade include:

- Participation and effort: come to class, try your best every day, complete do nows and ticket to leaves!
- Preparation: bring the necessary materials to class every day! There will be frequent pencil checks, binder checks, and of course instrument checks!
- Practice and Concerts!

All assignments (except permission slip assignments) can be made up for full credit by making an appointment with Mrs. Horan after school. If you are unhappy with a grade, you may re-do the assignment after school to replace the grade.

Concerts

We will have two sixth-grade band concerts this year. Your attendance at each concert is required and a big part of your grade. Our concert dates are:

January 22nd - OMS 6th Grade Winter Concert @ Stoughton High School

May 28th - OMS 6th Grade Spring Concert @ Stoughton High School

Put these dates in your calendar now so that you are sure to be there! We will talk more about the concerts as we approach them.

Home Practice

You are expected to practice at home. If you only play your instrument during band class you will not improve! The weekend is a great time to practice at home. Our expectation for home practice is 3-4 times a week for 30 minutes. Some weeks you may do more, some weeks you may do less.

Schedules

The deadline for changing student schedules is Wednesday, September 11. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Expectations

As middle schoolers, we expect a certain behavior from you. The key word is **RESPECT**

- Respect your **CLASSMATES**- listen when someone else is speaking.
- Respect your **TEACHERS**- listen when your teachers are speaking.
- Respect your **MUSIC**- keep your music neat and organized.
- Respect the **CLASSROOM**- keep the space around you clean.
- Respect **YOURSELF**- always do your best.
- It is your responsibility to use the restroom BEFORE CLASS. If you must use the restroom during class, you should only use the restrooms located near the cafeteria and you should not use them in the first or last ten minutes of class.
- If you feel that you will need water, please bring a water bottle to class (plain water only); we will not let students repeatedly go to the bubbler.
- No food or drink except for plain water is allowed in the band room.

After-school Ensembles

As a 6th grader, you have the opportunity to participate in more ensembles after school! We will talk more about them in the upcoming weeks. They include:

Jazz Band- All instruments are welcome. Info about auditions will be posted soon!

Drum Club- Percussionists and keyboard/piano players welcome! See Mr. DeFrias for more info!

Website

I have a website! Please visit this website for important information throughout the year! There are also links, videos, tips, and apps that can be helpful for you!

Mrs. Horan's Website:

www.ohoranmusic.weebly.com

Sincerely,

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