

MIDDLE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL BAND
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LETTER OF EXPECTATIONS
Concert and Symphonic Bands
Spring 2009

The band program here at MCHS is made up of several band classes in the spring this year. There is Concert band 2nd period and Symphonic Band 3rd. They will be tested weekly on the major elements of music some of which are: scales, sections of music, rhythm, and terms. Performances will count as major test grades. Playing tests will seat the students in their sections. Please check the Blackboard site weekly for tests and other reminders.

If your child cannot make a scheduled practice or performance, please call the band room and leave a message (773-3888). Then please send a signed note with them on their first day back to class or mail me at jenloe@wcpss.net. Please have them work on projects and homework before scheduled practices or performances. Work is not an excuse! This is the first step, not an automatic excused absence. Please check both the school and band booster web sites for updated schedules.

We will start with our spring fundraiser in Feb. Please take part. The products are a good value for the money. We also have our Grocery store gift cards available for purchase. The \$100 card, costs \$100. The stores give us back a percentage. What an easy way to raise money! We have cards for Lowes and Food Lion. Take part every week. It's \$3.00 in your account for every \$100. Please also link your Harris Teeter VIC cards and Food Lion MVP cards to the MCHS Band Boosters. Email Alison LeSueur (ajlesueur@bellsouth.net) for more information.

We will have guests to come and work with our students. We will also have area professionals come and work sectionals with our kids. Do not miss a Tues. night practice this counts as a test grade too. All of our performances will count as a major test grades. We will have four major performances this spring. Both Bands will be doing a joint concert with Southeast Raleigh HS on Sunday March 8 at 3 PM at MCHS We will be performing at Central District State Contest at Holly Springs High School during the week of March 25 to 27. Our Spring Concert will be on Sunday May 17th at 3 PM. These performances are a MAJOR TEST GRADES! Our last performance of the year will be at Graduation on Thurs. June 12th at the new Raleigh Civic Center at 2 PM. Please plan now for your child to be there. Both bands will be performing together. This performance (Graduation) will count as the student's exam grade, which will count as 20% of the final grade for the semester.

Please go to our web site and check the schedules and other information on a regular basis. The web site is <http://www.middlecreekband.org>.

Please encourage your student to practice on a daily basis. I would also like to encourage you have your student take private lessons on their instrument. This is the best way for them to grow individually on their specific instrument. Please ask for the list of recommended teachers in the area. I would like to also recommend that your student have a metronome and a tuner. There are models that combine the metronome and the tuner into one unit too. These will help them keep good time and be in tune! The music that we are choosing for the ensembles is challenging; they will appreciate the extra help!

Please be active in our great Band Booster organization. We will be having fund raising activities this spring such as Biking with the Band (to help the MS Society) on Sat. May 16, and a Band Yard Sale (date to be announced). Please take part in all our events. There will be meeting of our Booster Club on Thurs. Feb. 19 at 7 pm in the band room.

Thanks for allowing your student to be in the band program here at MCHS. I hope that they will learn to love music, work as a team, and take personal responsibility for their musical part and their actions.

If you have a question, please call the band room number (773-3888) and leave a message on my voice mail or email me at jenloe@wcpss.net. I'm looking forward to working with you and your child to establish some great musical traditions here at Middle Creek this year.

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