

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT BAND PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

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KEY:
WE– Wind Ensemble
SW– Symphonic Winds
SB– Symphonic Band
CB– Concert Band
PE– Percussion Ensemble
JE– Jazz Ensemble
SDB– Steel Drum Band

Communication

Band Booster e-mail for updates on fundraisers and events for the band program.

Remind text (and e-mail) service for WE, SB, CB, and the marching band. Text the following codes to 410-777-5922 to sign up:

WE- "@1awe", SB- "@2asb", CB- "@3bcbph",
or MB- "@9fd"

For SW, text "@mrkupy" to 410-777-5823.

Concert Dates

FALL: 10/16 @ 7pm– WE and SW

WINTER 1: 12/10 @ 7pm– SW, SB, JE, PE

WINTER 2: 12/11 @ 7pm– WE, CB, SDB

SCHOLARSHIP: 3/5 @ 7pm– WE and SW

ASSESSMENTS: 3/9-3/13– WE and SW

SPRING 1: 4/30 @ 7pm– SB, CB, SDB, PE, JE

SPRING 2: 5/1 @ 7pm– WE and SW



Concert Attendance

The students work so hard throughout the year to prepare for every concert. That one performance of each piece is the culmination of all of their hard work and effort toward reaching their performance goals. As a result, we cannot afford to have anyone missing from a concert performance because they will not have reached that goal!

Any student who does not attend a concert will receive a grade of "0" for that performance. The concert performance is weighted so heavily that failure to attend a concert may fail the student for the quarter. So please arrange for rides and plan to have a back up family friend or relative who can take your student to school in case you cannot.

Practice Charts

WE– 200 minutes a week, due EVERY Friday
Lowest 2 PC grades each quarter are dropped
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Lowest 2 PC grades each quarter are dropped
SB– 100 minutes a week, due EVERY OTHER Friday
Lowest PC grade each quarter is dropped
CB– 100 minutes a week, due EVERY OTHER Friday
Lowest PC grade each quarter is dropped

How can you help?

1. Make sure your student is completing practice charts and submitting them on time.
2. Make sure your student has the proper equipment: reeds, valve oil, slide oil, book, folder, pencil, etc.
3. Consider upgrading your student's instrument or part of the instrument (like a mouth-piece). *Appendix of handbook.*
4. Review concert attire with them and make sure they come to the concerts dressed correctly.
5. ATTEND THE CONCERTS! Perry Hall HS music is the best in the County! We hope you don't simply "attend" a concert, we hope you ENJOY IT!
6. ATTEND Band Booster Parent meetings! The first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm, Band parents gather in the band room to discuss ways to raise funds, organize events, and support the kids in their pursuit of good school music.

Concert Attire

WE and SW

Men – tuxedos (\$110 approx.)

Women – concert dresses (\$65 approx.)

SB and CB

Men – black shoes, black socks, black dress pants, white button-down collared shirt (long-sleeve preferred), dark-colored tie

Women – black dress shoes, black skirt or dress, white blouse, appropriately-colored undergarments

WE Gifted and Talented Credit

Students must complete 2 of these 5:

1. Audition for County Honor Band
2. Perform in a co-curricular ensemble
3. Audition for All-State Band
4. Prepare and audition for PHHS Shooting Star
5. Perform outside of school

Students also must complete both of these:

1. Perform at County Solo/Ensemble festival
2. Complete a 3-page concert critique

SW Honors Credit

Students must complete 2 of these 5:

1. Audition for County Honor Band
2. Perform in a co-curricular ensemble
3. Prepare and audition for PHHS Shooting Star
4. Perform outside of school
5. Perform at County Solo/Ensemble festival

Students also must complete:

1. Complete a 1-page concert critique

Band Booster Executive Board

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Method Books

WE and SW—Foundations for Superior Performance
\$5.25 for winds, \$8 for percussion



SB and CB—Tradition of Excellence, book 2
\$8 for winds, \$13 for percussion



Cocurricular Ensembles

Marching Band (summer/fall)

Big Band (winter/spring)

Pit Orchestra (winter/spring)

Indoor Drumline (winter/spring)

Indoor Percussion Ensemble (winter/spring)

auditions required for all but marching band

Spring Trip (2015)

Every other Spring the music department goes on a performance trip out of state. Recently, the bands have performed at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL and received superior ratings and earned bronze and silver awards for the festival. By the end of the year, a questionnaire will be given to all band students/families to help us determine where we will travel in 2015!

Fundraising/Budget

The band program budget presented at the final Band Booster meeting of SY 2013-2014 included expenditures totaling \$47,120.

Over \$6,000 was paid by the Band Boosters in support of the band program, excluding the marching band.

They paid for clinicians, awards, UMD Clarinet Day participants, and over \$4,000 of instrument repairs and supplies.

Unlike other schools in the state, we do not require fundraising from each student. However, for us to break even this year we need each student to raise \$33.

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