2017-2018

**EMS Concert Band Handbook**

2017-2018 School Year

Dear Band Students and Parents,

Hopefully you are as excited as I am to get back to school this year! We have the LARGEST 6TH GRADE BAND WE HAVE EVER HAD!

The purpose of this packet is to give you important information about the 6th 7th and 8th Grade Band classes for this school year.

If you have any questions or concerns the quickest way to reach me and get a response is via email. Also check our band webpage [**www.edgewoodbands.com**](http://www.edgewoodbands.com) for important information. I update this website almost daily with things you will need to know. It has everything from concert dates to pictures of our ensembles.

Sincerely,

Mr. Fields

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Middle School Band Director

Asst. High School Director

Percussion Instructor

**Band Class Information-** Band will meet every day. **6th Grade** will work from a band technique book called “STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE” (Book 1). **7th and 8th Grade** will work from “STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE” (Book 2).

**Materials**- MUSIC , INSTRUMENT, BOOK and PENCIL everyday for class. You will be graded on daily musicianship and performance in class.

-**Wind players**: maintenance supplies, i.e. extra reeds, valve and slide oil, etc.

-**All students:** will be assigned a spot in the music lockers, please keep your music in it. If you wish to lock this locker (highly encouraged) please **purchase and bring your own lock**.

-All students will be responsible for keeping their music in a folder and keeping it organized! Please write your name on your music and folder! Only write on music in pencil! I will provide each student with a music folder.

**Grading**

Students will receive up to 20 points per week for their grade. It will be based on progress, practice logs, musicianship and having your materials everyday. In addition to the weekly points we will have playing tests throughout the year. Concerts will be worth 25 points each. If you have an unexcused absence to a concert or performance, you will get a 0/25 for that grade. **(It is up to the band director whether an absence is “excused” or “unexcused.”)**

**Practicing**- Students should make a habit of daily practice! It is recommended that you practice at least 15-30 minutes a day to make progress on your instrument. You will be graded on your practice logs.

\*\*Students should practice exercises from their book and work on their assigned music.

Practice Tips:

-Work on things that are difficult for you, not things you can play already.

1. -Practice where it’s quiet and you are not disturbed
2. -Work on parts of your music that are difficult for you slowly
3. -Keep a good attitude about your playing

**Band Room Rules**

- Be respectful to the teacher, other students and their property

**-NO Gum, Candy, Food, or Drinks in the room**

-Be in the room when the bell rings.

-Do NOT play your instrument without being invited to.

-No talking during rehearsal. Be attentive!!

-Listen to directions the **FIRST** time given!

-Put your music and instrument away properly at the end of every rehearsal!

-Your instrument/book/locker are YOUR responsibility and the directors are not responsible for lost or stolen materials**. It is strongly recommend that you bring a lock to lock all your items each day.**

**Consequences**

We use a progressive discipline policy for inappropriate behavior in the band room.

\*\*If your behavior is not productive to our band rehearsal at anytime we may ask you to put up your instrument for the remainder of the period. This ensures that the other students are able to continue learning and rehearsing productively.

1st Offense-Warning

2nd Offense-Warning (possible lose privileges)

3rd Offense-Contact home

4th Offense/severe. Send to office (all of the above)

This applies to all band room rules and school handbook rules!

Any severe misbehavior could result in skipping steps 1-2!

**All Band Concert Dates for the 2017-2018 School Year:**

Dec. 7th, (6-12 grade Concert Bands)

Dec. 9th Christmas in Trenton (|EMS perc.)

March 9th, (6-12 all bands)

*This is our ANNUAL Spaghetti FUNDRAISER DINNER (open to all) Please plan on attending to help our music department and watch your child perform at the concert!*

May 10th, (EMS Jazz band, EMS choirs) “Fine Arts Fest.”

May 12th OMEA Large Group Festival (8th Grade, Contest)

May 16th, (7-12 grade bands)

6th Grade will plan to perform the last day Awards Assembly

**You are only required to attend and perform in the concerts that include your grade level**

MOST concerts will be held at the Middle School auditorium beginning at 7pm. CHECK band website for times and updates!

-**Concert attendance** is *mandatory* and part of a student’s grade. Students should not miss concerts!!! Known conflicts/issues should be communicated to Mr. Fields prior to the concert. If the absence is unexcused, it will affect the final quarter grade!

**Band Boosters**

The Edgewood Band Boosters is the parent group that supports the band program at Edgewood City Schools. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the High School Band room. For more information check out **edgewoodbands.com**. We would love to see you there!

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**contract**

Parents and Students please sign and return the portion below:

By signings this you are stating that:

“I have received, read, understand and will follow the rules and policies in the EMS Band handbook.”

**Student Signature**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian **Name** (Printplease)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

**Signature**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian **Email Address**:

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I look forward to having another great year!

Email me with any questions, this is the fastest way to get a response from me since I travel from the middle and high school.

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