

KILBOURNE BANDS HANDBOOK 2023



August 2023

Dear Students and Parents of the Kilbourne Middle School Bands,

Hello and welcome to an exciting year for the Kilbourne Middle School Bands! My name is Ryan Alexis, and I am the band director at KMS. I am so excited to work with our young musicians this year as we foster skills of perseverance, problem-solving, musicianship, teamwork, empathy, and many skills that will benefit students not just as musicians, but as young people.

This handbook is designed to give you some helpful information about band this year including concert dates, materials students need to be successful, behavioral guidelines and class expectations. Please read it thoroughly with your family and contact me with any questions you may have. Participation in band this year indicates agreement to this handbook's terms.

Middle school can be a fun but also challenging time. Please know that your growth and well being is my top and only focus. Let me know the best way to support you, now and always. We will love and encourage each other, we will support and help each other, and we will grow together through music.

Sincerely,

Ryan Alexis

Director of Bands

Kilbourne Middle School

Performance Calendar- Participation is a required portion of grade

Participation in band performances is a required portion of students' band grade. Please check what event applies to what grade (ex. Sept. 9th is an event ONLY for 8th grade band members). (Grey highlight events are optional events).

Date	Time	Location	Event	Grades
Sept. 9	8am-12pm	Meet at KMS- go to St. John Arena on a bus	OSU Marching Band Skull Session	6, 7, 8
Sept. 22	4-9pm	TWHS	8th Grade Night!	8
Sept. TBA	TBA	Lynd's Fruit Farm	Fall Band Party!	6, 7, 8
Oct. 16	7:00pm	KMS Auditorium	KMS Fall Concert	7, 8
Nov. 3	9am-1pm	Schottenstein Center	OSU Marching Band Youth Concert!	7, 8
November 15th	7:30pm	TWHS Auditorium	6th Grade Band Concert!	6
Nov. 29	9am-2pm, 7:00pm Concert	TWHS Auditorium	8th Grade Band Festival	8
Dec. 8	6pm	KMS and around Olde Worthington	BAND CAROLING!	6, 7, 8
Dec. 12th	7:00pm	KMS Auditorium	KMS Holiday Band Concert (7, 8)	6, 7
Dec. 18th	12pm-6:30pm	Capital University	Merry Tuba Christmas (Tuba and Baritone Players)	6, 7, 8
Jan. 11th	7:00pm	TWHS Band Room	TWHS Marching Band Informational Meeting	8
Jan. 19th	6-9pm	Nationwide Arena	Perform at a Blue Jackets Game!	6, 7, 8

Jan.20th	8am-4pm	TWHS	Worthington MS Honor Band	7,8
Feb.3	8am-2pm	TWHS	Worthington Solo/Ensemble	6,7,8
Feb.26	7:00pm	KMS Auditorium	Winter Band Concert	6,7,8
May 18	8am-10pm	Cedar Point	Spring Trip!	6,7,8
May 15	TBA	Capital University	OMEA Large Group Contest	7,8
May 16	7:00pm	KMS/Hartford Park (or KMS Gym if rain)	KMS Spring Concert!	6,7,8
May TBA	Evening TBA	Huntington Park	Perform at a Clippers Game!	6,7,8

Please be aware that these dates and events are subject to change. I will keep families informed via email of any changes that may occur.

Please remember that **performances are a required portion of students' grades** and an unexcused absence from a performance may result in a zero for the concert, which could lower a student's grade a letter or more for the quarter. An excused absence from a performance is defined as an absence that would be excused from school by the school office, i.e. illness, death in the family, wedding, etc.

A field trip that involves taking a school bus or being excused for part of the school day is a privilege and the school retains the right to revoke that privilege if a student fails to adhere to school rules and expectations.

Dress Code for Performances

For most in-person band performances, students will be asked to wear a uniform polo shirt, and dark pants or dark skirt, and dark shoes. More details will come out in the fall about how to order a band polo.

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Expectations

The KMS Bands follow the school rules for class as well as all band events outside of class. These rules are:

- Be Respectful
- Be Prepared
- Be On Time
- No Gum, Food or Drink in the Classroom

Failure to follow the school rules will result in loss of participation points and disciplinary action.

The KMS Code of Conduct will be upheld at all times at all band events, including band events that take place off school grounds or outside of school hours, such as the Amusement Park trip in May.

Grading

Your grade in band each quarter will be based in the following areas:

Participation Come prepared with all materials to class every day, be respectful to your peers and teachers, and participate in class to get a good grade.
Written and Playing Assignments , including <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Worksheets● Written Assessment● Playing Assessment
Performances Participate in all required performances and follow rules and expectations at those events. Performances are a required portion of each nine weeks' grade.
Music Standards , which include: Posture Notes and Rhythms Musical Literacy Musicianship

What do I need for band???

Everyone Needs...

- o Pencil
- o Instrument in good working order
- o Band Binder- 3 ring notebook (optional: 25 page protectors)
- o 6th Grade needs band book "Measures of Success Book 1"
- o 7th Grade Band- Habits of a Successful Middle School Band Musician
- o 8th Grade- Habits of a Successful Middle School Band Musician

Highly recommended materials for everyone are:

- o Tuner (or tuner app)
- o Metronome (or metronome app)
- o Music stand for home practice

Here are some things you must have to keep your instrument in good working order!!

❖ Flute

- o Cleaning rod (it should come with your flute) and small cloth

❖ Oboe and Bassoon

- o Small water container (film canisters or empty clear medicine bottles work well)
- o At least 3 working reeds in reed case. Handmade reeds by private teacher are best. Medium or medium soft by "Singing Dog" or Jones are decent.
- o Silk swab

❖ Clarinet

- o Vandoren B45 mouthpiece
- o Reed case and Reeds:
 - 6th Grade: Mitchell Lurie Strength 2.5
 - 7th Grade: Mitchell Lurie Strength 3
 - 8th Grade: Vandoren V12 Strength 3
- o Cleaning swab
- o Optional- thumb pad and mouthpiece pad

❖ Saxophone

- o Selmer C* or Yamaha 4C mouthpiece
- o Reed case
- o Reeds:
 - 6th Grade Rico Royal Strength 2.5
 - 7th Grade Vandoren Strength 2.5 or 3
 - 8th Grade Vandoren Strength 3
- o Neotech neckstrap
- o Cleaning swab (not "pad-saver")

❖ Trumpet

- o Bach 5C mouthpiece

- o Al Cass valve oil
- o Schilke slide grease with lanolin
- o Cleaning snake and mouthpiece cleaning brush

❖ Horn

- o Holton Farkas medium mouthpiece
- o Rotor oil
- o Schilke slide grease with lanolin

❖ Trombone

- o Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece
- o Yamaha Trombone Slide Lubricant
- o Cleaning Snake

❖ Baritone

- o Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece
- o Al Cass valve oil
- o Schilke slide grease with lanolin
- o Cleaning Snake

❖ Tuba

- o Bach 18 mouthpiece
- o Al Cass valve oil
- o Schilke slide grease with lanolin

❖ Percussion

- o Percussion Kit for home practice that includes bells, drum pad, mallets, sticks and stand

You can find these items and more at a local music store:

*Music and Arts
159 Graceland Blvd.
Graceland Shopping Center
614-880-1000*

*Rettig Music
6323 Sawmill Rd.
Trader Joes Shopping Center
614-792-1200*

Remember: Your instrument and music are ALWAYS your responsibility. If your instrument needs repair, please take it to Music and Arts (addresses above), or another reputable music repair shop.

If you have any concerns about getting materials for your child, **please don't hesitate to contact me.** These materials are carefully chosen to help take care of your investment in your child's instrument and to help him or her be successful in band.

Private Lessons

Private lessons are a great way to get personalized attention and make incredible progress on your instrument. Consider taking private lessons with someone who is a professional on your instrument. I will share a list of wonderful private teachers via email.