

# Kewaskum Middle School Band Handbook



Mrs. Holmes

## **Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band!**

I hope that you are looking forward to band this year. I enjoy teaching band and working with middle school students very much! With one year of playing experience, students now have new performing opportunities (marching, jazz, and solo and ensemble). In this handbook, I have some basic expectations that students must follow in order for us to have a great year.

### **Behavior Expectations**

1. Respect Director
2. Respect Others
3. Respect Equipment
  - No gum, food, or drinks are allowed in the classroom.

**\*All general school rules and discipline procedures also apply within the band room.**

### **Classroom Expectations**

1. Be on time
  - You have 3 minutes to warm-up your instrument and get your materials ready.
2. Give your best effort
  - Playing an instrument is fun, but takes patience, persistence, and lots of practice.
3. Be prepared
  - Always bring your instrument, supplies, all music, and pencil to band.

### **Required Materials**

1. Music folder, 2 pencils, Essential Elements lesson book 2, and band music.
2. Instrument with proper supplies (reeds, valve oil, cleaning cloths, etc.)
3. Proper concert attire: KMS band shirt and black pants

\*Instrument supplies can be purchased at any time from the school at a discounted price. Checks can be made out to the KMS Band.

\***Reed cards** can be purchased for \$20. It's a punch card in which students can get reeds when they need them until the money runs out.

## **KMS Band Concert Dates 2019-2020**

Friday, Oct. 4th - Homecoming Parade at 4:30pm (meet at KMS)

*\* 7th and 8th grade band students only*

Tuesday, Dec. 17th - 7th-8th Grade Holiday Band Concert at 7:15pm in the KMS gym

*\* 6th Grade has a separate concert at 6:30pm*

Saturday, Feb. 29th –Solo and Ensemble: 8am-4pm at Kennedy Middle School in Germantown

*\* optional event for 7th and 8th grade band students only - but strongly encouraged!*

Monday, Mar. 9th - 7th-8th Grade Winter Band Concert at 7:15pm in the KMS gym

*\* 6th Grade has a separate concert at 6:30pm*

Monday, May 25th –Memorial Day Parade at 9:30am

*\* 7th and 8th grade band students*

Tuesday, June 2nd – 7th-8th Grade Pops Concert at 7:15pm in the KMS gym

*\* 6th Grade has a separate concert at 6:30pm*

### **Concert Attendance**

Band is a performing ensemble. The concert experience is an essential and rewarding part of both the group and the individual musician. Concert attendance is required.

**Family emergency or illness:** Students will receive an “excused” grade for the concert after testing off the concert music. A written excuse must be presented to the teacher within two class periods after the student returns to school.

**Other Family Excuses:** A written excuse must be presented to the teacher at least **one week prior** to the concert. Students must test off the concert music to receive an “excused” grade for the concert. There will be **no exceptions** for notes presented less than one week before the concert which will result in an “F” for the concert grade.

### **Lesson Attendance**

Students should come prepared for lessons and bring all required materials (instrument, book, music, and pencil) to earn full points. Missed lessons must be arranged by the student.

### **Grading**

Grades will be posted on Skyward and are updated frequently. Below are the grade percentages.

60%	Band lessons, playing tests, and concert attendance
10%	Quizzes
30%	Participation

Welcome back students and parents/guardians to the Kewaskum Middle School band program. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Let's make it a great year!

Return this page to Mrs. Holmes with a student and parent signature by  
**Friday, September 6th**

I have read and understand all of the policies for band at Kewaskum Middle School  
for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Student Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

### **Band Fees:**

#### **Essential Elements 2000 Book 2 & other music supplies:**

Order a book following these steps (or get this book at the music store or another online site.)  
You can also purchase other music supplies if needed through this website. The marching  
supplies are not required, but some students may choose to purchase them if they don't want to  
memorize our marching band music. Please order right away because we will need the books by  
the middle of September.

1. Set browser to WhiteHouseofMusic.com.
2. Click the Student Store login button in the upper right corner of the homepage.
3. Enter your PIN - KMSB8
4. Select your instrument.
5. Add items to cart.
6. Create your account and securely check out.
7. Sit back and relax! Items will be delivered to school within 7 days.

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#### **Band shirt:** (\$11)

\*This is only needed if you are new to KMS band or need a replacement band shirt. Please send  
in the payment and what size is needed (adult sizes small, medium, large, extra-large).

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***\*All percussion students must own timpani mallets. You can order them through  
White House of Music following the directions above or look for Vic Firth T1 timpani  
mallets on your own.***

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**School-owned instrument rentals:** If your child is renting an instrument through  
school, please sign the rental contract and return with payment. This helps our department  
maintenance in the instruments.