

# Kewaskum Middle School Band Handbook



Mrs. Holmes

## **Welcome to 8<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 two years of playing experience, students now have new performing opportunities (pep band at the Homecoming game and an 8th grade band festival). 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, Accent on Achievement book 3 , 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 2018-2019

Friday, Oct. 5th - Homecoming Parade at 4:30pm (meet at KMS)

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

– Pep band and pregame performance at Homecoming game

*\* 8th grade band students only*

Tuesday, Dec. 18th - 7th-8th Grade Holiday Band Concert at 7:30pm at KMS

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

Saturday, Feb. 23rd –Solo and Ensemble: 8am-4pm at John Long Middle School in Grafton

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

Monday, Mar. 4th - 7th-8th Grade Winter Band Concert at 7:30pm at KMS

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

Friday, Apr. 12th - 8th Grade Band Festival (during the school day)

*\*8th grade band students only*

Tuesday, May 21st – 7th-8th Grade Pops Concert at 7:30pm at KMS

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

Monday, May 27th –Memorial Day Parade at 9:30am

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

### 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.

70%	Band lessons, playing tests, and concert attendance
10%	Quizzes
20%	Participation

Return this page to Mrs. Holmes with a student and parent signature by  
**Friday, September 14th**

I have read and understand all of the policies for band at Kewaskum Middle School  
for the 2018-2019 school year.

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Student Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**Band Fees:**

**Accent on Achievement Book 3** (\$10) Please send the book fee payment with  
this form.

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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.

*-Shirts come in adult sizes small, medium, large, and extra-large.*

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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.