

Coleytown Stage Band

The Stage Band is the select Wind Ensemble at CMS. It is an advanced level ensemble where students have the opportunity to perform many styles of music including, Classical, Jazz, and Popular selections. It is an extension of the Coleytown Music Program and will be comprised of select CMS 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Band, Orchestra, and Chorus musicians chosen through an audition process.

The purpose of this ensemble is to provide a more advanced musical experience for a greater number of CMS musicians.

Schedule:

Tuesday- 7:15 am to 7:45 am - Sectional rehearsals.

Thursday- 7:00 am to 7:45 am - Full Band rehearsal.

Student Responsibilities:

The Stage Band is a select honors group. Its members are expected to:

- Participate in band, orchestra, or chorus, and maintain an A average.
- Demonstrate a commitment to their instrumental studies
- Attend all rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and performances.
- Practice ensemble music at home
- Be on time and prepared for all rehearsals with an instrument, music, pencil, and all necessary supplies
- Demonstrate self discipline and excellent behavior

Membership:

Due to the size of the ensemble, every student's participation and commitment are vital to the group's success. A positive attitude and good work habits are necessary to one's personal growth and that of the ensemble. Failure to comply with one or more of the responsibilities outlined above will directly affect the student's musical experience, the success of the ensemble, and his or her standing in the group.

Audition Information:

The instrumentation of the Stage Band will be similar to the Concert Band with the addition of the following:

- Piano
- String or Electric Bass
- Drum Set (drummers will be required to play other percussion as well)

All wind instruments will be featured at times in the group and for some selections will be backed up by a rhythm section of Piano, Bass, and Drums. The group will also perform traditional wind literature in which, at times, Piano, String Bass (doubling Tuba), and standard percussion will be used.

Listed below are the instruments that will comprise the ensemble and approximate section sizes. Of course, each year will vary based on student participation in auditions and overall music department enrollment.

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3 - 4 Flutes (preferably one player doubling piccolo)

6 Clarinets

4 Alto Saxophones

2 Tenor Saxes

1 Baritone Sax

4 - 6 Trumpets

2 French Horns

3 Trombones/ Baritones

1 Tuba

1 String/Electric Bass

2 Piano (it is preferable that these students also play another instrument in the ensemble)

3 Percussion (doubling on Set)

The Audition process will be as follows:

All Students Need to:

- Bring his/her signed permission sheet to the audition
- Perform a short prepared piece. Please bring the music with you.
- Perform the required audition selection.
- Sight-read a brief selection of music.

Make sure to sign up for an audition time on the Stage Band Audition Sheet posted on Mr. Forgey's office door.

Student Info Sheet: Please fill out and return to Mr. Forgey ASAP.

My Child _____ has my permission to audition for the Coleytown Stage Band. We have discussed the material regarding the ensemble and he/she is aware of the Necessary commitment if selected.

Parent name printed Parent signature