



Elementary Band Handbook
Year 2014-2015

“Do Everything Better Than You Did Before”

5th Grade Band
6th Grade Band

Tri-Village Elementary Band Handbook

Introduction

The Tri-Village Band Department is designed for the education and enjoyment of music.

Performance is the key to a successful band program. All 5th and 6th Grade Tri-Village band students are provided with concert band to prepare for future performances with the Tri-Village Band Department.

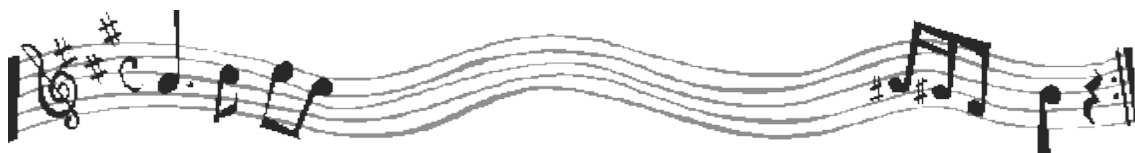
Attendance

ALL DATES ARE ALWAYS ON THE BOARD IN ADVANCE. YOU CAN ALSO FIND THEM ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, WEBSITES AND IN THIS HANDBOOK.

1. Attendance is IMPORTANT at all rehearsals and performances!
2. All absences from a performance must be given at least **TWO WEEKS** prior to the performance. This must be in the form of a note or phone call from a parent or guardian along with the reason for being absent.
3. Students are expected to be present for the entire concert.
4. If you have an excused absence the day of a concert, you are not required to perform. However, the following school day you must bring a signed note explaining your absence

Classroom Rules

1. **NO GUM. NO FOOD. NO DRINKS.**
2. Be on time and in your seat with your music and instruments. You will be given 5 minutes from the bell or the scheduled start of class to prepare yourself for rehearsal.
3. Once you enter the classroom, you can't leave without permission.
4. NO talking during class.
5. Instruments **MUST** be stored in a locker.



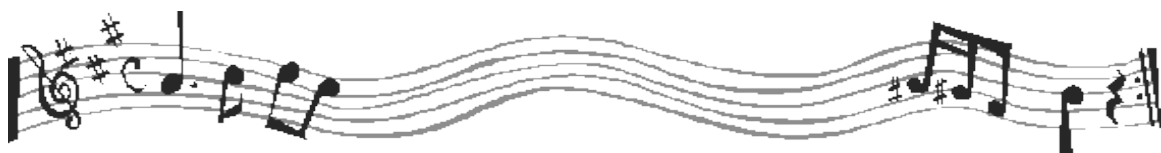
6. Music **MUST** be in your Standard of Excellence (Red) books and kept in your locker or brought from your classroom.
7. **ONLY** percussion students are permitted in the percussion area and **ONLY** percussion students are allowed to play the percussion instruments.
8. You **MUST** have your instrument for every class. The only exception is if your instrument is being repaired in which you must present your repair ticket once the instrument is back in school.
9. Every student **MUST** put their chair and stand away after class to make room for 3-4 Grade Music classes.

Disciplinary Procedure

1. Verbal Warning
2. Detention after school (date to be assigned by the teacher).
Detentions will last from 2:45 PM to 3:15 PM.
3. Student is sent to the office. The principal and parents become involved and the student receives **NO** credit for that day.

Grading

1. **PARTICIPATION** – Students are graded daily by their participation, effort and progress. This includes having an instrument and music at each rehearsal. The Participation Grade is represented by a weekly grade. 10 points per week.
2. **CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR** – Part of the weekly grade (10 points per week) also depends on the student's behavior.
3. **ATTENDANCE** – All students are expected to be in class and perform at every scheduled concert. Further instructions are noted in the Attendance section. Concerts are 100 points per each performance.
4. **DRESS CODE** – Students are required to wear the appropriate clothing listed in the Concert Attire section. Failure to dress for a performance will result in a lowered grade for the concert.
5. **QUIZZES/TESTS** – Every Friday, band students will have a 10 point quiz.



Concert Attire

5/6 Girls:

Black Skirt or Pants
White Dress Shirt/Blouse
Black Dress Shoes

5/6 Boys:

Black Pants
White Dress Shirt (Tie Optional)
Black Socks and Dress Shoes

Band Officers

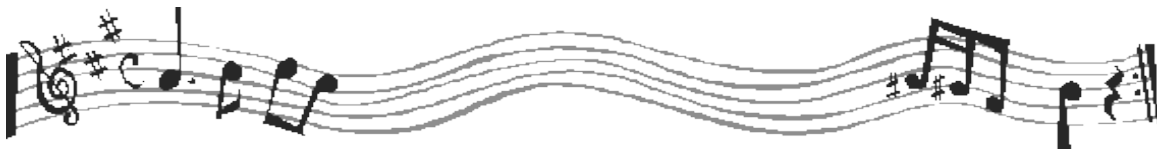
Tri-Village Elementary Band Officers are chosen at the beginning of each 9 weeks. These members act as assistants to Mrs. Brinkman. Each officer position is listed and described below:

1. **President** – Takes attendance each day in band. Students not in band will be left blank on the day's attendance. Students who are in band will get an "X" next to their name. The President will also keep track of students who are not following classroom rules. Those students will get their name placed on the board.
2. **Vice-President** – Assist the President with classroom behavior and take attendance if the President is not available. The VP will also help Mrs. Brinkman if a student needs a new reed before class begins.

Financial Information

It is a policy for the Tri-Village Band Department to provide information regarding the finances of the performing groups. If there are any questions or concerns about the commitments discussed in this section please call the band office at (937) 996-1511 ext. 217.

NO Tri-Village Elementary Band Members have a band fee. Any money collected goes directly towards items such as reeds, method books, valve oils or other miscellaneous equipment. Method books (Standard of Excellence, Book 1 red) cost \$9 and reeds range from \$2 to \$3.50.



2014-2015 Elementary Band Schedule

The following dates are approved by the school district

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 5	Handbook Contracts Due – 6 th Grade Only
September 19	Handbook Contracts Due – 5 th Grade Only

December 18	4-6 Winter Concert
May 12	4-6 Spring Concert

As always, dates are subject to change for various reasons. Always be prepared to receive information about performance changes and additions.

Locker Assignments

Tri-Village Band Students are provided with lockers to store their instruments and music folders. Students may choose their locker with approval from the Mrs. Brinkman.

No locks other than a combination lock will be accepted.

Music Booster Program

The Tri-Village Music Boosters help to support the band and choir through raising money for instruments, uniforms, repairs, classroom equipment and trips. Interested parents can contact Mrs. Brinkman or attend monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the band room. The Tri-Village Music Boosters also have a Facebook group to keep parents updated. If you are interested in joining the Facebook group, log-on to Facebook and search Tri-Village Music Boosters. We would love to have you!!

Instrument Repairs

On a weekly basis, a representative from Hauer Music in Dayton reports to the Tri-Village Band Room to deliver equipment, receive orders and also collect instruments needing repair. When an instrument is repaired, Hauer Music will call the student's home to verify the work order and estimate

expenses. Hauer Music is a highly regarded company for music educators and performers. The repair work done is of the highest quality and the costs are comparable to all other service providers.

What You Need for Elementary Band

Flute Armstrong Selmer Gemeinhardt Yamaha	Trombone Bach Conn King Yamaha
Clarinet Bundy Selmer Yamaha	Bell/Snare Kit (Percussion) Pearl PK-800 backpack Percussion Kit Snare Sticks: Vic Firth SD1 Bell Mallets: Vic Firth M6
Alto Saxophone Bundy Selmer Yamaha	<i>* Other options are available, <u>but all students must have a snare drum, bell kit, practice pad, and appropriate mallets.</u> Other recommended brands include Ludwig and Yamaha</i>
Trumpet Bach Yamaha Conn King	Method Book Standard of Excellence, Book 1 (Red) Reeds (Woodwinds Only) Rico Royal, Vandoren, La Voz, Hemke (Sax only) #2-3 strength, start at #2 or 2.5 if you are new.

Contact Information

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM TO VERIFY THAT
YOU UNDERSTAND AND WILL FOLLOW THE INFORMATION AND
REGULATIONS CONTAINED IN THE TRI VILLAGE BAND
DEPARTMENT HANDBOOK.

Student Name and Grade Level	<u>Grade</u>
Student Signature	
Parent(s) Name	
Parent(s) Signature	

Daytime Phone Number	
Evening Phone Number	
Student Email	
Parent(s) Email	

The following information is kept for school record only. Knowing the student's instrument along with serial number will help if an instrument is lost or misplaced and later found.

	<u>Make</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
Instrument Serial Number		

THIS HANDBOOK CONTRACT IS DUE:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014 – 6th GRADE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014 – 5th GRADE
(WORTH 10 POINTS ON SEMESTER 1 GRADE)