

MONETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Advanced Band

COURSE SYLLABUS

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OFFICE HOUR: 5th Hour Monday-Thursday: 12:30-1:20 Friday/Assembly: 11:55-12:36

CLASS TIME: 7th Hour Monday-Thursday: 2:18-3:10 Friday/Assembly: 1:25-2:10

BAND WEBSITE: <https://www.monettcubprideband.com/junior-high-band.html>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Through rehearsals and performances, students will learn to play various styles, articulations, time signatures, & key signatures. Some of the major units that will be covered during this course are Marching Band, Concert Band, and Solos & Small Ensembles.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To teach and develop musical concepts including, but not limited to, notation, pitch, dynamics, rhythm, tempo, harmony, and texture.
2. To teach ensemble skills including the ability to play together, follow a conductor, and exhibit proper stage presence and etiquette.
3. Perform various repertoires highlighting the various styles played by symphonic bands.
4. Become fluent with terms that are specific to band music.
5. To teach basic music history facts including performers, composers, and styles.
6. To adhere to the National Standard for Music Education and the Missouri Grade Level Expectations.

CUB PRIDE BAND VALUES

- PRIDE for our school and community
- EXCELLENCE through musicianship
- COMMUNITY as a band family
- Keep alive the rich musical TRADITION in Monett

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR CLASS

- Black 1 inch Binder and Dividers
- Pencil
- Instrument
- Appropriate supplies (mutes, reeds, neck strap, valve oil, etc.)
- Traditions of Excellence (Book 2)
- Tuner/Metronome is HIGHLY encouraged, but is not required

RESPONSIBILITY STANDARDS

- All students will have a chance to earn “3” for their Responsibility Grade in Band.
- Students are expected to have the following EVERYDAY:
 - Instrument, Binder, Music, Book and Pencil
 - Per each Grade Check:
 - If you forget your instrument 3 days in a row, you will receive a detention.
 - At 3 forgotten materials, your responsibility goes to a 2.0
 - At 5 forgotten materials, your responsibility goes to a 1.0
- Students are also expected to practice up to 100 minutes per week outside of class.

RESPECT STANDARDS

- For high quality work to be presented to the public, we must have high expectations set for all our members. All members are important to the function and performance of the Monett Band Program. Thus, the following expectations will be observed during all rehearsals.
- Students will give due respect to anyone who is speaking from the podium.
- Students will participate to the best of their abilities in all rehearsals.
- Talking should be limited while rehearsal is in progress unless the directors give permission.
- Students will only play when instructed to do so by a director.
- Have a respectful and enthusiastic attitude toward the directors and your fellow bandmates.
- Do not lean or deface the music stands, chairs, or other equipment.
- Students will not touch or play instruments that do not belong to them or are not assigned to them.
- Students who are non-percussionists will not touch or play the percussion instruments, unless given permission by the band directors.
- All students will have a chance to earn “3” for their Respect Grade in Band.
 - Daily Respect Expectations:
 - 5 Minor Disruptions = 1 Major Disruption
 - On the 2nd Major Disruption, you will be relocated (move to another room)
 - Per each Grade Check:
 - 2 relocations = 1 detention
 - After 2, each relocation = 1 detention
 - At 3 relocations, your respect goes to a 2.0
 - At 5 relocations, your respect goes to a 1.0

ACADEMIC PRACTICE

- Playing Exams will occur at a minimum of ONCE a week and account for 35% of the total grade.
- Tests will be announced no later than 3 days before the test date.
- All tests will be used as a chair test for our students.
- Most tests will consist of lines out of the method book or music in your band binder.
- Class Category Weights
 - Academic Practice (ie. weekly playing tests) - 35% of total grade
 - Academic Assessment (ie. Concerts/Performances) - 65% of total grade
- Maximum score for Academic Practice is a score of 3.0.
- Each test is graded on 4 categories: Pitch Accuracy, Rhythmic Accuracy, Musicality and Presentation; See Attached Rubrics for further information.
- Late Work Procedure
 - 1-5 school days after test occurs, max score is 2.5
 - 6-10 school days after test occurs, max score is 2.0
 - 10+ school days after test occurs, max score is 1.0
- Reassessment Agreement
 - Students may reassess on a test. The student must complete the reassessment form.

CONCERTS, PARADES & ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

All Dates and Times can be found in the attached band calendar!

- Class Category Weights
 - Academic Practice (ie. weekly playing tests) - 35% of total grade
 - Academic Assessment (ie. Concerts/Performances & Parades) - 65% of total grade
- We are excited to continue our Marching Band tradition with the Middle School! The Advanced Band will compete this year at the Black Walnut Festival Parade in Stockton and march in two hometown parades: Homecoming and Christmas. More information will be attached. Please, make sure you have everything gathered for your Marching Band Uniform.
 - **Marching Band Uniform:** The Marching Band uniform for this year will consist of the Middle School Band T-Shirt, blue jeans, and closed-toe tennis shoes. The Directors will design and order the t-shirts for the students. As for the jeans, it is expected that the blue jeans **WILL NOT** have holes in them. We want to look our best as we represent our community. If you need financial help, please contact one of the directors.
- In order to participate in MARCHING ACTIVITIES, all students must have a physical examination and a pre-participation document completed; additionally, they must say yes on the random drug screening form. Students must be academically eligible to participate in competitive parades.
- Students in Advanced Band will also perform pre-game with the HS band at the last home game of the year (Senior Night). They will be encouraged to stay for the entire game and sit with the high school band.
- If students do not show up for MARCHING PERFORMANCES, they will automatically receive a ZERO (0).
- The Advanced Band will compete in a Large Group Concert Band Contest in the Spring. The exact date will be announced once it is decided which location we will be attending. This event will occur during the school day and students must be academically eligible to participate. It is for an Academic Standard Grade.
- They will also perform two concerts, each at the end of the semester. ALL concerts have a MANDATORY ATTENDANCE, which is attached to the Responsibility Standard and an Academic Standard. The students will be adequately prepared for our performances.
- If students do not show up for MANDATORY CONCERT PERFORMANCES, they will automatically receive a ZERO (0). Students must be academically eligible to participate in competitive contests.

Concert Dress Policy: It is important for our ensemble to look the most professional that they can during performances. Students are expected to follow the attire set by the Directors, as you can find below. This attire is consistent with all Bands in the Middle School and differs slightly from the High School program. Students will not be allowed to perform if they choose not to adhere to the Concert Dress Policy. Also, if you need any help with your concert attire, please speak with any of the directors and they will be more than happy to help!

Concert Attire for Girls	Concert Attire for Boys
Any color blouse (Must follow the School Dress Code) Black Pants Black socks/stockings/hose (optional) Black Closed-Toe Shoes NO SKIRTS OR DRESSES!!! NO TENNIS SHOES, JEANS OR T-SHIRTS!!!	Any color, collared shirt (Polos & Buttoned-Down Shirts ONLY) Black Pants Black Belt Black Socks Black Closed-Toe Shoes NO TENNIS SHOES, JEANS, OR T-SHIRTS!!!

ABSENCES

- The best way to notify a Director of an absence is by e-mail OR ParentSquare.
- **Excused Absence** - The group performs at optimum with all members present; therefore, students are required to participate in all performances unless excused by the director BEFORE the event. Each student is responsible for planning ahead and organizing their schedule so that all commitments are fulfilled. The following circumstances will be recognized as excused absences from a performance.
 - Personal Illness – Student and parent(s)/guardian(s) are to notify the director BEFORE the performance.
 - Family Emergency (e.g. death) – Student and parent(s)/guardian(s) are to notify the directors BEFORE the performance.
- **Unexcused Absence** - If a student misses a performance due to an unexcused absence, they will receive a zero (0). There will be no options for the student to make-up the points.
- We are flexible, and **ALL** potential absences should be shared with the band directors via email or ParentSquare as soon as possible. The directors will notify the student if the absence is excused or unexcused.

PAYMENTS FOR GOODS

A t-shirt and binder is provided via the **\$10 class fee**. The band directors may decide on other necessary products that the students will use throughout the year. These products are deemed as the best quality for the best price. It is the responsibility of the student and parent to purchase these items. The directors will send home a list of needs and where they can be purchased. It is the student's responsibility to let their parents know when replacement supplies are needed. The band directors will send home an updated account balance at the end of every quarter.

When making a payment, the student will need to place all money (cash or check) into an envelope with the following information on the front. The student will then need to PLACE THE ENVELOPE in the black dropbox in the band room. Ms. Stewart will be the main individual taking the money, but Mr. White & Ms. Wilson can also accept the payments.

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THE ENVELOPES ARE AS FOLLOWS!

- Student Name
- Amount in the Envelope
- What you are paying for
- Today's Date

COMMUNICATIONS**PARENTSQUARE**

- The School District has authorized the use of ParentSquare for communication with students and parents. ALL communication will be sent out through this App. You can receive messages through the App, E-mail, or Text Message. It is expected that all members of the ensemble will have access to one of the forms of communication this app offers, E-Mail, Text, or App messages. If you need to contact the band directors, this is the preferred method.
- Likewise, if the band directors need to contact you or your parents, you will need to access ParentSquare. The directors will send itineraries and other updates through ParentSquare. Parents will need to ensure that information is accurate in powerschool and that they can access ParentSquare.

E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

- The next best form of communication with the band directors is through e-mail. The band directors check their e-mail regularly throughout the day and into the evening.
- Students are expected to check their SCHOOL ISSUED e-mail address regularly.

CUB PRIDE BAND WEBSITE

WEBSITE URL: www.monettcubprideband.com

CUB PRIDE BAND SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: Monett Cub Pride Band **Instagram:** @MonettCubBand