



MONETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Beginning 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: 6th Hour Monday-Thursday: 1:24-2:14 Friday/Assembly: 12:40-1:21

BAND WEBSITE: www.monettcubprideband.com/beginning-band.html

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Beginning Band is a course intended for students who have never played a band instrument prior to the start of the year. Students will learn basic musical notation reading, instrument care, and playing of a selected instrument.

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 for the instrument (mutes, reeds, neck strap, valve oil, etc.)
- Traditions of Excellence (Book 1)
- 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 including percussion equipment; 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 Traditions of Excellence method book 1.
- Class Category Weights (it may be different for performance classes)
 - 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 & ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

- Class Category Weights
 - Academic Practice (ie. weekly playing tests) - 35% of total grade
 - Academic Assessment (ie. Concerts/Performances) - 65% of total grade
- The Beginning Band will perform two concerts, each at the end of the semester. Both concerts have a MANDATORY ATTENDANCE, which is attached to the Responsibility Standard and account for 65% of the total grade for the class. The students will be adequately prepared for our performances.
- The performance schedule is attached below and is subject to change, with plenty of notice given. If students do not show up for MANDATORY CONCERTS, they will automatically receive a ZERO (0).

| Date | Call Time | Performance Time |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Tuesday, December 17th, 2024 | 6:00 PM | 6:30 PM |
| Tuesday, April 29th, 2025 | 6:30 PM | 7:00 PM |

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 |
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| 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 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
- Date that you are turning in the money

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 CORRESPONDENTS

- 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

The Monett Cub Pride Band has a website!!! The Directors have been working hard on a new website for parents and students to stay informed about upcoming events! On this website, you will find a calendar of events; information for trips, classes, and concerts; the Band Boosters and meeting information; and Newspaper articles on our blog. Please, check this website on a regular basis, as information will continue to be updated.

WEBSITE URL: www.monettcubprideband.com

CUB PRIDE BAND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Cub Pride Band is also on Facebook and Instagram. Various items are posted on this communication page for our great community. Items that will be posted are photos of students, results from competitions, Band Booster meetings, upcoming concerts/performances, and special announcements that pertain to the Cub Pride Band Program. It is highly recommended that both students and parents "like" and "follow" these pages so they can stay in contact with the program.

Facebook: Monett Cub Pride Band Instagram: @MonettCubBand