

Hilliard Memorial Middle School Bands

John Montgomery, Director

WELCOME TO THE MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND!

I am excited to start a new year with the Memorial band students! This band program has a long tradition of excellence molded over the years by the many students that have gone before you. I plan to continue building a wonderful band program based on the foundations already set in place and add some new ideas that will only enhance the entire band program.

Some of the most important skills students will learn from being a part of the band program are not actually about music. Being a member of a band allows students to build relationships, learn dedication and develop team building skills and work ethic. Each member of the band is important and plays a vital role in the success of the band. I am sure each student will grow as a musician and a person through the experiences they will have as a part of the band program.

I am proud to be a part of the Hilliard band staff. We are blessed with a wonderful community, schools, parents and most of all...great students! I look forward to a great year of making music!

Mr. M

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. Be prepared to participate every day:
Instrument, band book, band notebook, pencil, iPad and a Positive Attitude!
2. Be on time for class.
3. Treat other students and adults with respect.
4. NO food, candy, gum or beverages! Water Only.
5. ***Give your best effort every day!***

BAND BOOKS

Mr. M will have a book for each student. Please have your book with you every day.

CADET BAND	- Measures of Success, book 2
CONCERT BAND	- Standard of Excellence, book 2
SYMPHONIC BAND	- Essential Techniques for Band
PERCUSSION CLASS	- Simple Steps to Successful Beginning Percussion

REQUIRED MATERIALS

INSTRUMENT: Students should expect to play their instruments in class every day. Each student should have all instrument accessories each day. (valve oil, cork grease, slide grease, reeds, etc.) The first day for instruments in class will be **Monday, August 27**.

BAND BOOK: Students should have their assigned band book in class every day.

BAND BINDER: All band students are required to have a band 3 ring binder in class every day with 20+ plastic sheet protectors, top-load. Please have these in class by **Monday, August 27**.

PENCIL: A pencil is an essential item to have in class every day.

iPAD: We will use this on a daily basis. Please have it with in class.

CONCERT INFORMATION

Instrumental music is an art form which is performance based. Our concerts are the culmination and presentation of our work; therefore, they are an essential and required part of the educational process.

Each performance is required and included as a portion of the students' performance portion of the class grade. If a situation arises where a student will need to miss a performance please contact Mr. Montgomery via email (john_montgomery@hboe.org) or note, a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the performance. Sometimes emergencies arise and a student may need to miss a performance. If this happens, please contact Mr. Montgomery at your earliest convenience.

CONCERT UNIFORM

All MMS music students wear a gray polo shirt for performances. These shirts can be purchased through Mr. Montgomery for **\$15**; please make checks **payable to Hilliard Music Boosters**. Some larger sizes are \$18. If you need a shirt please give your order to Mr. Montgomery by **Wednesday, September 5**. Order forms are available in class and on the band website. In addition to these uniform shirts students will wear black pants, black shoes, black socks and a black belt (if necessary).

GRADES

Students will receive a grade for band that is averaged into their GPA just as all other academic classes. The grade is based on several criteria:

- Class participation/preparation
- Demonstration of musical knowledge (playing/written quizzes)
- Concert attendance/performance
- Practice records

SCHOOL INSTRUMENT RENTAL

Those students who play percussion and a large or specialty instrument such as tuba, tenor sax, baritone sax, bassoon, bass clarinet, baritone or horn will have the option of using a school instrument rather than buying the instrument. HCSD has eliminated all school fees but each of these students will complete an instrument agreement form.

BAND LOCKERS

Every band student will be assigned a locker in the music room and issued a school lock. This is a convenient way for students to keep their instruments secure. (when they're not practicing!) Students are not permitted to use personal locks on the band lockers. If the lock is lost or damaged there will be a \$10 fee for replacement.

BAND OFFICERS

Each band will have several officers who represent the band at concerts, events, greet classroom guests and assist Mr. M with various tasks on a day to day basis. These students are an integral part of the program and it's a great way for students to gain leadership experience that will benefit them in their future. There will be an application available on the band website and a short interview in the first several weeks.

INCENTIVE TRIP

Memorial Middle School Music Department normally takes a trip to **Kings Island** in May as a reward for a great year! Any student who earns an "A" for at least 3 of 4 grading periods and has no disciplinary referrals at MMS is normally eligible to attend this trip. We will have more information about this opportunity after Christmas break.

MMS 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL GAME (OPTIONAL)

Band students will have the option to play at the MMS 8th grade football game on **WEDNESDAY, September 12**. We will warm up in the band room at 4:30 pm, play at the game starting at 5:00 and the band will be dismissed for **pick up at 6:00 pm**. Mr. M will send information about this performance soon.

COMMUNICATION

This is a key component of a great band program or any successful organization. As a traveling teacher it is often difficult to reach Mr. Montgomery by phone so email is usually most effective.

john_montgomery@hboe.org or 614-921-7600

HILLIARD MUSIC BOOSTERS

We are fortunate to have a great booster organization in Hilliard! They provide support throughout the year and are always looking for more parents to get involved. Please visit the website for more information:

hilliardmusicboosters.org

OMEA Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event

This is a wonderful event for all of our students to grow musically! While this event is not required, it is a great opportunity for students to perform in a small ensemble or as a soloist. More information will be posted on the band website in January.

BAND WEBSITE

The band website will be a useful tool with plenty of important information this year. Please check here first for questions you may have.

www.hilliardschools.org/music/memorial/memorial-band/

PRIVATE LESSONS

One of the most important things a student can do to improve their playing, grow as a musician and in turn, improve the Memorial Bands is study with a private teacher. These lessons will be taught by professional musicians from central Ohio. Each teacher has been screened and approved by the Hilliard City Schools and band directors. Some of the teachers will offer lessons at Memorial and others will be offered in the teachers' studios. For a complete list and information regarding the registration process please visit the Memorial Band website as this information will be added soon.

2018-2019 MMS Bands Calendar

Updated August 14, 2018. For a current calendar please see the band website.

www.hilliardschools.org/music/memorial/memorial-band/

September 12	MMS Football Game <i>*Optional – 7th & 8th grade</i>	
September 14	8 th Grade Band Night @ Bradley <i>*8th grade only</i>	5:00-9:00 pm
October TBA	Hayride at Kuhlweins <i>*Optional – 7th & 8th grade</i>	
October 9	Fall Band Concert <i>*Required for all band students</i>	7:00 pm
October 23	Jazz Band Begins <i>*Optional – Tuesdays & Thursdays</i>	2:45-3:45 pm
December 3	MMS Holiday Festival <i>*Required for all band students</i>	evening time TBA
February 23	MMS Solo & Ensemble <i>*Optional – 7th & 8th grade</i>	morning
March 7	Winter Band Concert <i>*Required for all band students</i>	7:00 pm
April 13	OMEA Solo & Ensemble – Central Crossing HS <i>*Optional – 7th & 8th grade</i>	
May 14	Spring Band Concert <i>*Required for all band students</i>	7:00 pm
May 18	Kings Island Incentive Trip <i>*Optional – 7th & 8th grade, students must meet requirements to attend</i>	all day

MMS Band Handbook Agreement

2018-2019 School Year

Please complete this form and return it to Mr. Montgomery by **Wednesday, September 5, 2018.**

We have read the Memorial Middle School Band Handbook and understand the information and expectations. We have recorded the scheduled performance dates on our calendar.

Student Name (Print) _____

Student Name (Signature) _____

Parent(s) (Print) _____

Parent(s) (Signature) _____

Parent Email Address _____

Secondary Email (optional) _____

PLEASE INITIAL:

_____ I understand that whenever money is turned in it should be placed in an envelope with the student's **first and last name and band class on the outside.** Please make all checks payable to **Hilliard Music Boosters.**

_____ I understand that shirt orders and payments are **due by Wednesday, September 5.**