

MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK

MR. KITHCART

2012-2013



Dear Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to an exciting year of band. My name is Mr. Joel Kithcart, and I am looking forward to making music. The purpose of music is to glorify our God our creator. It is an art form that can allow one to be creative in a sense that no other form can. Music also allows us to develop our minds in creative ways. It also helps us to be culturally minded, as well as to be a source in which we can change the world around us.

Students, I am looking forward to working with you and providing the best musical experience possible for you. This will be an exciting year full of hard work and dedication, but also of some fun experiences.

Parents, I am looking forward to partnering with you to provide a wonderful musical opportunity for your children. There are some great ways in which you can partner with us in building this program, as well as helping to change the community around us for the glory of God.

Once again, I am looking forward to working with everyone. Let's celebrate the wonderful gift of music and band that God has given us, and have a great year.

Sincerely,

Joel Kithcart

*Instrumental Music
Director*

I. Philosophy

God created music:

1. For all people to enjoy
2. To develop our minds in creative ways (reflecting His creativity)
3. For us to please Him by using His common grace to all people, in seeking to glorify Him in all that we do.
4. In order to have a basis with people to share the realities of His truth.
5. Helps us to develop self-discipline and commitment.
6. For us to be a culturally minded people. Students who have the greatest appreciation and yearning for creativity in culture are those who participate in the arts.
7. I want you to be a better musician as a result of this class, and to have positive musical experiences.

II. Behavior Expectations

A. **Rehearsal time** is extremely important, and each student is an important part of that class period. Therefore, the following guidelines are to be followed.

B. Class Time

1. Tardiness
2. Talking
3. No Gum, food or drinks in the band room.
4. Always have your instrument, music folder, music, and a pencil with you during class.
5. Instrument cases should be shelved during class.
6. Never play with someone else's instrument.

C. Discipline - Titus Principle: Titus 3:10 “Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that have nothing to do with him.”

III. Grading Policy

A. Expectations:

1. Giving your best effort at all times
2. Giving respect to the director, other students and equipment at all times.
3. Being on time (being on time also includes being ready to play at the start of the warm up)
4. Being responsible (have all the necessary materials required to play your part)
5. Being quiet when the director is instructing the class.
6. Being at all concerts. Band members make a commitment to being at all scheduled concerts and activities when they sign up for the course. Failure to attend a performance will result in a letter grade deduction.
7. Band members are expected to practice their instruments at home on a regular schedule to improve their performing skills.

B. Benefits and Consequences:

1. Following the expectations will lead to:
 - a. Increased proficiency on your instrument
 - b. Understanding of musical concepts
 - c. Pride in personal and group accomplishments
 - d. A greater enjoyment of the band experience

2. Not following expectations will lead to:

- a. A personal conversation between the teacher and student.
- b. A discussion with the parents of the student involved.
- c. A conference with the director and principal.
- d. Detentions will be given depending on the severity of the offense.

C. Grading

- 1. Point value grades will be given for individual semi-weekly playing tests.
- 2. Point value grades will be given for occasional written quizzes and assignments.
- 3. Practice time (will be collected every four weeks with a minimum of 120 minutes required).
- 4. Concert attendance (Must attend all concerts and performances).
- 5. A weekly grade will be given for class participation and preparedness.

1st Nine Weeks

Concert Permission Slip	25 pts.
Semi- Weekly playing quizzes	25-50 pts. each
Daily class participation and preparedness	5 points per day
Performances	100 pts.

	Music Worldview Project	100 pts.
weeks	Practice time	40 pts. Per four
	<u>2nd, 3rd, and 4th Nine Weeks</u>	
	Concert Attendance	100 pts.
	Semi – Weekly Playing Quizzes	25-50 pts.
	Solo and Ensemble Performance (1 st or 2 nd)	250 pts.
	Daily class participation and preparedness	5 pts. per day
weeks	Practice time	40 pts. per four

Mansfield Christian School Band Calendar 2011-2012

In an effort to avoid conflicts with future concert dates, this list of commitments is being given to all band students. Please place these dates on a family calendar so that other activities can be scheduled with an understanding of band commitments. All band members are required to attend all concerts. Individual excuses may be considered for serious and unavoidable conflicts (such as a death in the family). If a student misses a concert unexcused, their nine weeks grade will be lowered significantly.

August 13	Band Officer Meeting 1:00 PM	HS
August 15	High School Band Retreat and Cookout 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	HS
August 20	Back to School Night Performance 4:30 PM – 6:15 PM	HS
August 31	Meet the Team Night/Pig Roast 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	HS
September 22	Band Trip to Malone University	HS
November 1	Junior High Band and High School Band Concert 7:00 PM High School Gymnasium	JH, HS
January 26	High School Solo and Ensemble Contest Individual Times TBA Location TBA	HS
March 14	Fine Arts Gala 7:00 PM High School Gymnasium	JH, HS
April 30	Junior High Solo and Ensemble Contest Individual Times TBA Ontario Middle School	JH
May 16	Elementary Music Concert 7:00 PM High School Gymnasium	5 th and 6 th
May 20	Junior High and High School Band Concert 7:00 PM High School Gymnasium	JH, HS

****HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS****

A separate calendar will be issued for basketball games.

DRESS FOR CONCERTS: All clothing must adhere to the normal school dress code policies.

Junior High Students:

Guys: Navy Campus Wear Shirt
Khaki Campus Wear Pants (no shorts)
Belt
Dress Shoes

Girls: Navy Campus Wear Shirt
Khaki Campus Wear Skirt or Pants
Belt if wearing pants
Dress Shoes/Sandals

High School Students:

Guys: White dress shirt with dark tie
Black pants (not cargo pants or black jeans)
Black dress shoes
Black belt

Girls: White Blouse or top
Long Black Skirt (ankle length)
Dress shoes/Sandals

Commitment Statement

I have read and fully understand the guidelines set forth in the handbook. I am aware of the commitment that my student is making to this year's participation in the Band Program. As the parents of this student, we understand that our student's grade is based partly in required, out of class participation. We also realize that missing concerts will detract from our student's overall nine weeks grade. We have made note of these dates, and the fact that they will not change.

Please return this form to me as soon as you can.

Thank You.
Mr. Kithcart

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____