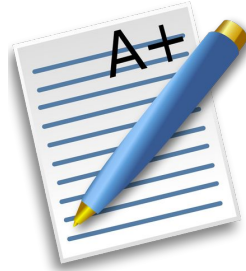




General Information

- *Band Classes meet on an A-Day/B-Day Schedule (see www.wmswolvesband.com/calendar.html).
- *Band Classes follow the WMS Grading Policy.



Homework

Students are required to practice a minimum of 120 minutes (20 minutes per day - 6 days per week). Develop a practice routine to make practicing easy and fun. Practicing tips are on www.wmswolvesband.com/homework.html.



Performances

- *Performances and rehearsals are required. They are Major Grades.
- *Parents will be notified at least one month prior to the rehearsals or performances.
- *Please make proper transportation arrangements.

Performance Uniform

- *Band Uniform Polo Shirt
- *Black Dress Pants (skirts must be approved)
- *Black Dress Shoes
- *Black Dress Socks (All students must wear socks.)



WMS Band Boosters

Please consider joining our free parent organization to create meaningful experiences for our students.

Class Materials

Purchase from a Music Store

- *Instrument
- *Band Book: Essential Elements for Band Book 1 (Beginning) & Essential Elements Book 2 (Intermediate/Advanced)
- *1” Binder
- *50 Loose-leaf Sheets of Paper
- *Pencil
- *Student Agenda (Provided by School)
- *Mouthpiece Cleaner - Sterisol or Mi-T Mist
- *Instrument accessories (see www.wmswolvesband.com)

Acceptable Instrument Brands:

Yamaha, Selmer, King, Conn, Bach Vito, LeBlanc, Jupiter, Buffet, Geminhardt, Holton
Other brands must be approved by Mrs. Slade.

Home Materials

Purchase from a Music Store

- *Music Stand
- *Instrument cleaning materials (see www.wmswolvesband.com)



Private Lessons

Private lessons are encouraged for all students. There are many studios in the area to meet the needs of the student and family. See www.wmswolvesband.com for private lessons instructors.



Please scan the qr code or visit <https://www.wmswolvesband.com/forms--documents.html> to complete the Handbook Form. One parent from every family must complete this form.

COVID-19 Safety Protocols

The WMS Band Program follows the safety protocols that WCPSS has put into place. Safety protocols are updated frequently, and the WMS Band Program will adapt to all new protocols.

Current Protocols:

- *Students are seated as far apart from each other as possible.
- *Students stay in their assigned seats every day.
- *Students wash or disinfect their hands at the beginning and end of every class.
- *Students must wear face masks at all times. WCPSS will provide 1 musician mask and bell cover. Parents may purchase additional masks from the Music Store and/or the internet.
- *Students will disinfect their mouthpiece at the end of every class. Please stop by the music store to get mouthpiece cleaner (Sterisol or Mi-T Mist).
- *Doors and windows are open for air flow.

Dear New Band Student...

You don't know it yet, but you just made the best choice of your life.

In this new adventure, you will be learning to play an instrument, but you will learn so much more than that...

You will learn team work.

You will learn task management.

You will learn the value of being on time and organized.

You will learn how to overcome challenges.

You will learn that "one more time" is never enough if you want to be your best.

You will learn that a difficult challenge makes you a better and stronger person, because it is difficult.

You will learn patience.

You are going to make friends and memories that will be with you for a lifetime.

You are going to develop a rapport with a teacher who will always have your back, no matter what.

You are going to play fantastic music, take great trips, and perform in front of audiences that will love you.

You are going to be part of a global community.

You are going to learn that, in the real world, everyone is important. All the time.

YOU are important. All the time.

Peace Love and Music. -

-Randall Standridge, composer, percussionist, and lifelong band member

www.randallstandridge.com

