

KINNIKINNICK SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK

2020-2021

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PERFORMANCES

The format of our performances will look different this year due to social distancing guidelines. **Until further notice, there will be no in person performances.** But that doesn't mean your student won't get the chance to perform! I will be putting together a recorded performance for each of the concerts and send that out on the date of the concert. Student performances will most likely be in a small group setting, but I think we will still be able to put together a great performance and show our students' creativity!

****Please let me know if you do NOT want your student recorded for our performances this year.****

The 5th Grade beginning band has three performances throughout the school year. These include...

- Holiday Concert--featuring Kinnikinnick School Band--
Monday, December 14th, 2020 at 7pm at RMS
- Winter Concert--featuring 5th-8th grade Band--
Friday, February 19, 2021 at Hononegah HS 7pm
- Fine Arts Festival--featuring Kinnikinnick School Band--
Thursday, May 6th, 2021 from 6-8pm at KS

PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE POLICY

****While in person performances will not be possible this school year, I am leaving this section in our handbook just as an expectation of student participation in whatever format our performances take this year****

Students who are members of a performing group are expected to attend all concerts and functions. (Please see the performance dates attached to the end of this handbook.) Performances are an integral part of your child's development on their instrument. It is a time to celebrate their successes and hard work. Every student is an important part of the success of the band. The Kinnikinnick School District makes every effort to avoid conflicts with the many school activities that are offered. It should be noted that non-school activities and club sports should not take precedence over a school band concert or performance. Barring any extenuating circumstances, students should attend all performance opportunities.

REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE POLICY

When students are at school, they are expected to play their instrument during lessons unless they have a written excuse. If a student is not feeling well, he/she may be sent to the school nurse. If a student has soreness from braces being tightened etc., he/she should still be in a seat with the music, following along and fingering through the music while the other students play.

Students will have instrument sectional lessons during the school day when they typically have guided study. (Please see the band calendar for all sectional lesson dates.)

There will be no full band after school rehearsals until further notice. We will focus mainly on these small group sectionals, and hopefully later in the school year we will be able to do our after school rehearsals.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Individual or group lessons are not provided for band students at school but are a very important part of a student's musical growth and understanding. Students who take private lessons have the opportunity to further develop their musical skills. Private lessons also allow students to study with an instructor who specializes on a particular instrument and can share a high level of expertise with the student. Parents are encouraged to seek out teachers who have an accredited music degree from a university and should ask prospective teachers for their credentials and teaching experience. These professionals usually charge between \$10 and \$20 for a half hour music lesson. Lessons can be set up on a weekly or monthly basis, depending on the instructor. There are also several Hononegah High School students who give private lessons. Information on these lessons will be sent home throughout the year as the information becomes available. Check out Mrs. Boelte's website at www.roscoemiddleschoolband.com for a list of private lesson instructors.



GRADING POLICY

While Band will not be on 5th Grade students' report cards, I will send out Progress Reports around the time that report cards are sent out.

Progress Reports will be determined by some or all of the following criteria as applicable:

1. Playing Tests in **Smart Music** and Written Tests/Assignments: Students will receive points for performing assigned music accurately with good posture, tone, technique, interpretation, etc. Written assignments and tests may be given on material that has been covered in class.
2. Conduct: Students will receive points based on behavior and class preparation.
3. Practice Charts: Charts will be submitted through **Google Classroom**. Students are expected to enter their practice time each week and parents are encouraged to monitor student practice and completion of work.

MATERIALS

1. Students will need to bring their instrument, Essential Elements Book 1 for their instrument, band folder, and chromebook on the day of their sectional
2. Students will need to keep a pencil in their case
3. Mrs. Hansen will provide the band folder for any handouts

CONDUCT IN THE CLASSROOM

- * Students will wear their mask when they are not playing and will respect the

space of others in our socially distanced band room

- * Students will use disinfectant on their mouthpieces and carefully wipe off the keys of their instrument before packing it up
- * All students will do their part to keep our band room tidy, including throwing away any trash, putting their stand away, and taking care of our instruments
- * Students should not handle any equipment that does not belong to them without permission from the director. Students must only play their own instruments.
- * Students should NOT bring homework/books to class unless instructed to do so.
- * No food, drink, or gum allowed in the band room. (Water bottles are ok)
- * Take proper care of all instruments and music folder. Both should be kept in their assigned spots with cases properly latched.
- * The band room telephone is not to be used without permission from the teacher.
- * Students will demonstrate respect to all people and all things at all times.

PRACTICE

Practicing is an integral part of the success of the band student. Without practice, the student basically will see only a minimal amount of improvement in his/her musical accomplishments. Students should NOT be leaving their instruments and music at school for the week. (Percussion can use the school instruments for lessons and leave their bell set and snare drum pads at home for practice. They are welcome to bring their drum sticks and mallets to school, but must remember to take them home again.) Consider practice time to be the student's daily homework assignment for band class. With this in mind, 15-20 minutes each night would allow for the students to learn their music for band and work on their particular problem spots.

****Practice minutes should be submitted each week by filling out the Google Classroom Assignment. These assignments can be found in their instrument's folder ie. "Flute Sectionals" then look in the topics folder for the current month, ie. "September Practice Charts"**

****Practice minutes are due by the following week's practice time. So if a student has Tuesday sectionals, their assignment will be posted by the end of the school day, and they should have their minutes turned in by the following Tuesday.**

Helpful Practice Tips

- * A minimum of 15 minutes per day of home practice should be a realistic goal for the student. This does NOT include band time during the school day.
- * Try to establish a routine practice time and place for your student. Try to find a place that is free from distractions or interruptions.
- * Practice with a hard-backed chair and a music stand to promote good posture.
- * Warm up with long tones, then work on the music. Keep in mind that we practice to be better musicians, not just to keep playing music that we already know. Use that music as a reward at the end of the practice session.
 - * Parents can encourage the student by listening to the practice and offering praise for their accomplishments.
- * Have the student record their songs with Screen Castify. Sometimes it helps the student to hear what they are sounding like.
- * Practice with a friend via Google Meet or with the accompaniment tracks in Smart Music.

What if we have to go Remote?

There may be times during the school year where we are all in person, or all remote. If that happens, band will still take place during their usual sectional time.

Students will join a Google Meet during their sectional time so that we can maintain our practice, even if we are apart. If your student is fully remote already, we will work together to find a good time in all of our schedules to do a Google Meet practice. Flexibility and communication is going to be essential this year! Please know that I will do all that I can to keep your student learning no matter what school looks like throughout the year!



BRAVES BAND BOOSTER ORGANIZATION

WE NEED YOU!!!!

The Braves Band Boosters is a parent organization that supports the Kinnikinnick Band Program. The organization raises the necessary funds to run the band program. Some of the fundraisers include: mum sale, fruit sale, band dance for the middle school, candy sale, and Culver's Night. With the money raised, the group is able to purchase new instruments and music for all grade levels, build shelving and storage units, provide scholarships to summer music camps, provide rewards and incentives for student achievement, and send the entire eighth grade band to Trills and Thrills Music Festival! Any parent of a student enrolled in the Kinnikinnick School District's Band Program is welcome to become a member. The meetings are usually held on the first Monday of each month from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. in the RMS Band Room. Please check Mrs. Boelte's website for further information and listings of all board members, www.roscoemiddleschoolband.com.

REPAIRS

Privately owned instruments: If a student's instrument is in need of repair, the director will notify the student and/or send a note home letting the parents/guardians know that the instrument is not working properly. Stateline Instrument Repair is the recommended place to fix the broken instrument.

Jerry Disney
Stateline Instrument Repair
5351 Stateline Road
South Beloit, IL
(815)389-4380

www.statelineinstrumentrepair.com

*Jerry does ask that you call to set up an appointment.

Rental Instruments from Voigt Music: If the student is renting an instrument from Voigt Music, all repairs are covered in the rental price. A representative from the music store will visit the school during the week to pick up any instruments in need of repair. The student may be given a loaner instrument to use until the instrument is returned. These repairs are usually done within the week. A student will not be penalized for not having their instrument in class if it is in repair.

School Rental Instruments: There is a \$100 per year rental fee for any student using a school owned instrument. This fee will cover the cost of summer maintenance and cleaning. **All repairs will be the responsibility of the student/parents. Parents will be responsible for drop off and pick up of the repair.** All instrument repairs will be handled through Jerry Disney at Stateline Instrument Repair.

RESALE ITEMS

You may call or email Voigt Music to order supplies that you need and they will deliver them to school! You may also pick them up at their store which is located at 1401 W. Court Street in Janesville, Wisconsin.

1-608-756-0081

www.voigtmusic.com

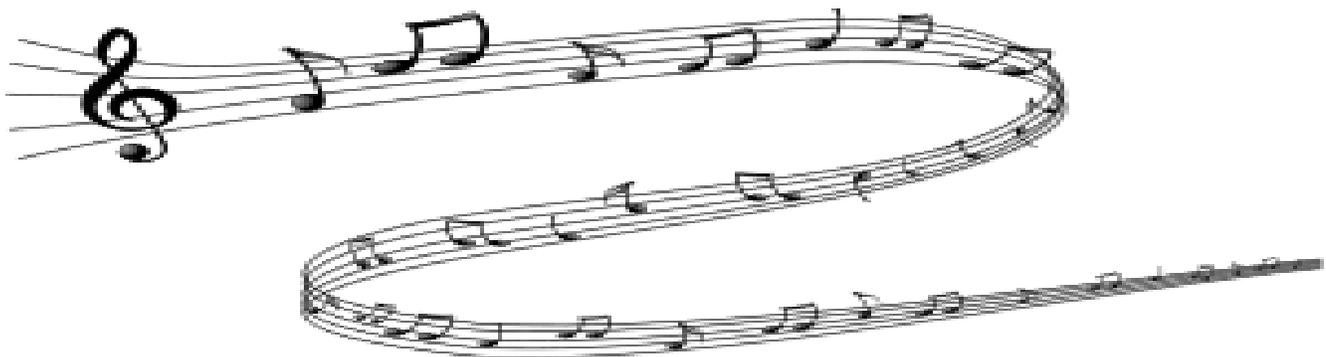
Please feel free to purchase any needed items through any other music store of your choice.

I hope that your student's band experience will be challenging, exciting, fulfilling, and fun! If there is anything that I can do to help your student succeed, please feel free to contact me anytime!

PLEASE RETURN THE BAND INFORMATION SHEET WITH YOUR SIGNATURE AND INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED AND READ THE HANDBOOK.

Thank you for your continued support of the Kinnikinnick School District Band Program!

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 KINNIKINNICK BAND EVENTS CALENDAR 2020-2021 

August 28	Mum sale orders due	
September 3	Mum sale pick up - RMS parking lot	3:00-6:00
September 14	First Week of Instrument Lessons During School Day	
October 26	Fruit sale kick-off	
November 11	Fruit sale orders/money due	
December 8	Fruit pick up- RMS	3:00-6:00
December 14	Holiday Concert	
February 17	Chocolate Sale kick-off	
February 19	Winter Concert	
March 3	Chocolate Sale Orders/Money Due	
March 15	Culver's Night - Culvers off 251	5:00-8:00
March 31	Chocolate Sale Pick-Up at RMS	3:00-6:00
May 6	Fine Arts Festival	KS 6-8p.m.
	(subject to change)	



Please return to Mrs. Hansen by: Friday September 25th

KINNIKINICK BAND INFORMATION SHEET

Student Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Numbers:

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

VERY IMPORTANT: Please provide your email address to receive important band updates and information. PLEASE WRITE NEATLY!

E-mail address: _____

Do I have your permission to post pictures from band events on the band website or facebook page, as well as video recordings for performances?

_____ YES _____ NO

Instrument Information:

_____ We own the instrument

_____ We rent the instrument

_____ We use a school-owned instrument

Instrument rental fee paid? YES NO

Instrument Make/Model: _____

Instrument Serial #: _____

(If you are not sure of the make/model and serial #, leave lines blank and we will fill it out during class time.)

We have received, read, and understand the band handbook. We are also aware of the band events for the 2019-20 school year and understand the expectations for band class.

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Please list any other information/questions on the back of this form:

