



# WCMS 8th Grade Band

## Handbook and Important Information

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Dear WCMS Band Students and Families,

Welcome to the West Clermont Middle School Band! Your directors, Mrs. Schrameck and Mr. Morgan, are very excited to be part of such a great band family, school, and community. We hope that your summer was fun and relaxing, and that you are as excited as we are for the school year to begin!

In the following pages, you should find the answers to all the questions you may have about 7th grade band. We do understand that you receive a lot of paperwork at the beginning of the year, so we have tried to make the layout simple and easy to find what you are looking for as you reference this packet in the future. **Please take immediate note of the Performance Dates and Attire, the Charms program, and the Supply List / SmartMusic (new).** Once you have reviewed the packet, please fill out and return the back page to Mrs. Schrameck or Mr. Morgan during the first week of school.

If you have any questions about band class, please do not hesitate to call or email us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Aimee Schrameck

Mr. Scott Morgan

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## CONTACT / COMMUNICATION

Communication is essential for the success of our band program. If you have a question or concern, there are multiple ways to seek help. First, ask your student if they received any pertinent documents they were supposed to pass on to you. The directors will periodically send out email updates through our Charms program as deadlines and events approach. Please be sure you have registered for Charms and that we have your current email address. Our WC Band Website has all of our current information. You may also contact the directors directly by calling the band office or through email.

<b>WC Band Website:</b>	www.wcwolvesband.com	
<b>Aimee Schrameck:</b>	schrameck_a@my.westcler.org	(513) 947-7522
<b>Scott Morgan:</b>	morgan_s@my.westcler.org	(513) 947-7509

Facebook:	West Clermont Middle School Bands / @WestClermontMSBands
Twitter:	@wcmsbands
Instagram:	wcmsbands

\*We will try to update popular social media sites, such as facebook, twitter, and instagram; however, please do not rely on social media for important information or to contact directors with questions.

## ABOUT THE WCMS 8TH GRADE BAND

The WCMS 8th Grade Band meets daily for 35 minutes and counts as a full year Encore class. Eighth grade band students perform four concerts throughout the year (3 concerts, plus 8th grade marching band night). Students also have the opportunity to participate in OMEA district events such as Honor Bands and Junior High Solo and Ensemble.

## EXPECTATIONS / GRADING

Be Your Best - Show Respect - Be Prepared - Be On Time

Students are expected to practice at home daily, 25 minutes minimum.

<u>Grading:</u>	Participation / Effort / Materials	40%
	Quizzes / Playing Tests	25%
	Concerts / Performances	25%
	Homework / Practice Assignments	10%

## PERFORMANCES

Membership in a performing ensemble automatically requires attendance at all scheduled performances, and is part of your grade in band. Only in extreme circumstances will a concert be excused (ex. death in family/major illness). In the case of an absence, please contact the director by email stating the reason your child cannot make the concert. An alternate assignment will be required if the absence is excused.

The visual impression we make at a performance is very important. It is imperative for all students to look and act their best.

### Performance Attire:

**Black slacks**  
**Black dress shirt**

**Black socks**  
**Black shoes**

## CHARMS

Charms is the West Clermont Band's online music office manager that is used to help facilitate better communication home. Once registered, families can view student data, calendars, finances, and volunteer opportunities. You will periodically receive emails that include the important information we are sending home so you don't have to solely count on important papers and information to come home in backpacks.

## SMART MUSIC

Smart Music is an online music program that will replace the band method books. Students will have access to all of our music on their Chromebooks! You will need to purchase a subscription to Smart Music through our booster organization **no later than September 18** to receive the \$12 bulk-order price. Otherwise, you will have to purchase an individual student subscription at the normal rate of \$40.

There are two ways to order:

- 1) Pay online at [www.wcwolvesband.com/shop](http://www.wcwolvesband.com/shop)  
\*Enter **student name** in the "Optional Notes" section so that we know who to assign the subscription
- 2) Send a check, made payable to West Clermont Band Boosters (WCBB)  
\*Write **student name** on the memo line that we know who to assign the subscription  
\*Mail Check to: WCBB  
P.O. Box 755  
Batavia, OH 45103

## BAND CLASS SCHEDULE

<b>6:50 - 7:05</b>	<b>Drop-off Instrument</b>
<b>6:50 - 7:20</b>	Band Teacher Planning Time
<b>7:24 - 8:02</b>	6th Grade Band - Encore 1
<b>8:06 - 8:44</b>	6th Grade Band - Encore 2
<b>8:48 - 9:26</b>	6th Grade Band - Encore 3
<b>9:30 - 10:08</b>	7th Grade Band - Encore 1
<b>10:12 - 10:50</b>	7th Grade Band - Encore 2
<b>10:54 - 11:32</b>	7th Symphonic - Encore 3
<b>11:34 - 12:04</b>	7th Grade Lunch
<b>12:13 - 12:51</b>	8th Grade Guitar / Music Tech
<b>12:56 - 1:34</b>	8th Grade Band - Encore 2
<b>1:37 - 2:15</b>	8th Symphonic - Encore 3
<b>2:10 - 2:20</b>	<b>Pick-up Instrument</b>
<b>2:20 - 3:00</b>	After-School Symphonic (M/TH)