



WCMS Symphonic Band

Handbook and Important Information

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 the band program. 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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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.

WC Band Website:	www.wcwolvesband.com	
Aimee Schrameck:	schrameck_a@my.westcler.org	(513) 947-7522
Scott Morgan:	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 SYMPHONIC BAND

The Symphonic Band is an auditioned ensemble made up of students in both 7th and 8th grade band. The 7th and 8th graders will meet separately in their grade level encore class for band every day during school, and will have the opportunity to rehearse together after school two days per week throughout the school year. The Symphonic Band will have many exciting performance opportunities throughout the school!

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%

AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS

Weekly rehearsal schedule: **Mondays and Thursdays after school from 2:20-3:00 PM**

The WCMS Symphonic Band consists of students in both 7th and 8th grade band. The 7th graders and 8th graders will not be in the same class during the school day due to encore scheduling. In order for the ensemble to practice together as a full band, we will hold 2 rehearsals per week after school. It is highly encouraged that symphonic band students attend these after school rehearsals. The rehearsals will be fun and will give the students an opportunity to play the music together with the other students in the ensemble!

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.wcwolesband.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

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