

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Dear Music Parent or Guardian,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Wilson Middle School! This year, WMS musicians will be able to participate in a number of performances, special activities, and other musical experiences. In order to provide the best learning environment possible, expectations for the year have been detailed below. Once you and your son or daughter have read the information, please sign the bottom portion and return it to class on or before the third class meeting. Students will not be allowed to bring their instrument to school until this portion has been returned. Good luck on a great start!

**6<sup>th</sup> grade Band and Orchestra Expectations:**

1. Band and orchestra students are committed to their group for the entire school year.
2. Students are required to supply their own instrument and keep it in good repair.
3. Students are required to practice, and show up with their part learned for the day.
4. Students must come to class prepared: 1” three-ring music binder, instrument, book, supplies, handouts, pencil, positive attitude!
5. There is one required concert performance -any others are “extra-credit.”
6. **6<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra will be Pass/Fail (no letter grades will be given.)** Credit is based on: Daily Participation (playing, listening, responsible behavior) 60%; Tests (playing and written) 15%; and one Performance 25%. Extra credit is always available for extra practice, music research, or attending outside performances!

**REQUIRED concert (required to earn credit for this class)**

**Wednesday, April 22 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra concert 6:30pm WMS**

Report to WMS 15 minutes before performance time. “Nice” attire.

**Absence Policy:**

If an unavoidable conflict with a concert occurs, like an illness or family emergency, contact the director as soon as possible (voicemail may be left any time of day or night.) Send a signed note or call (734) 759-5362. A make-up assignment usually takes the place of an excused absence, and may consist of playing concert music privately for the director and/or attending a concert and writing a critique. Not attending a concert because a student forgot or did not arrange for a ride in advance are examples of unexcused absences.

**EXTRA CREDIT and Additional Events:**

**Saturday, November 16**

**Wyandotte Parade**

Meet 9:30 am north Biddle. Parade 10:00 am. Winter coats, hats, gloves, etc.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Every Month**

**Music Booster Meeting**

**7pm RHS band room**

Parents interested in helping at music activities, events and fundraising.

**Tuesday, September 17**

**String Rental Night**

**6:30pm WMS cafeteria**

**Wednesday, September 18**

**Band Rental Night**

**7pm RHS cafeteria**

Local vendors will provide information and on-site instrument rentals.

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**Required book and supplies must be purchased from a music store, not available in band room:**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Book: Traditions of Excellence Book 1 by Pearson and Nowlin**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade String Book: String Explorer Book 1 by Dabczynski, Meyer and Phillips**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band AND Strings: 1” three-ring binder and pencil**

**Flute**

small, soft cloth that fits in case  
cleaning rod

**Clarinet**

box of reeds (always keep 2 extra reeds in case)  
cleaning swab  
cork grease

**Saxophone**

box of reeds (always keep 2 extra reeds in case)  
cork grease  
neck strap  
cleaning swab

**Trumpet, Baritone, Tuba**

valve oil marked with student name  
soft cloth  
snake and mouthpiece brush

**French Horn**

soft cloth and rotor oil

**Trombone**

snake and mouthpiece brush  
trombone **slide oil** marked with name  
soft cloth

**Violin, Viola**

Snark tuner, soft cloth  
rosin, extra set of strings  
shoulder rest/sponge

**Cello, Bass**

Snark tuner, soft cloth  
Rosin, extra strings  
rock stop

**Percussion- required: Mark all with student name!**

**Stick bag, Vic Firth SD1 or 2B snare sticks**

**1pr medium hard rubber keyboard mallets (blue Balter Basics BB8 suggested)**

**Remo tunable practice pad and bell kit for home practice**

As always, thank you for your continued musical support!!

Sincerely,

Michael Noble, Mary Day  
Instrumental Music Directors, Wilson Middle School

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student name and grade) have read the  
Wilson Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade Band and Orchestra expectations, and agree to follow them. I  
will have all required supplies (listed above) with me in order to play on the first day of rehearsal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(student signature)

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(parent/guardian signature)

\*\*\*Detach and return by the third class meeting in order to play your instrument in class!\*\*\*

\*\*Do not bring instrument until the third class meeting\*\*