

6th Grade Band Syllabus Summary for Parents

OVERWHELMED WITH INFORMATION??? Read these syllabus highlights instead!

Important Due Dates:

- Wednesday, September 2nd
 - Flipgrid Consent Form (Paper Copy)
 - Digital Information Form (on Canvas)
 - All binder supplies (binder, dividers, sheet protectors, pencil bag, highlighter, pencils, index cards, ear buds)
- Thursday, September 3rd
 - Have instrument and supplies at school (varies by instrument) – see p. 2 & 6
- Tuesday, September 8th
 - 1 Ziploc Bag with student's name on it
 - 2nd mask for band (percussion only needs 1) – see video on Canvas & more info p.5
 - \$10 for Smartmusic
- If you have trouble meeting any of the due dates, just contact me so I can help.

Other Important Things:

1. Sign up for the band Remind texts. I send out reminders this way. Text @fhmsband6 to 81010
2. Purchase the “General Supplies” and “Music Supplies” on the second page.
3. Band Covid Safety Precautions on p.5

If finances and obtaining supplies are a concern at any point, please contact me and I will make arrangements to help.

6th Grade Band 2020-2021

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Welcome to the Francis Howell Middle School Band! I am excited that you decided to start in the band program and take your musical involvement to a higher level. I think you will discover that participating in music is a fun and rewarding experience, and I look forward to what we will accomplish this year. Attached is a Flipgrid Consent Form that is due Wednesday, September 2. A digital information form is accessible in Canvas and is also due Wednesday, September 2.

If cost is a concern at any point, please reach out so I can help.

Required General Supplies – Binder Check Grade on Wednesday, September 2

- 1-inch binder
- 5 dividers
- 20-30 sheet protectors
- Pencil bag (3-ring type - to be put in the binder)
- Highlighter (preferably a lighter color)
- 2-3 mechanical pencils
- Index cards (buy a pack of 100 and keep 10-15 in your pencil bag)
- Earbuds (you can put them in your pencil bag if you want)

Materials listed below are due by Tuesday, September 8

- 1 Ziploc Bag with student's name on it
- 2nd mask for band (percussion only needs 1) – more info on p. 5 and on Canvas
- \$10 for Smartmusic

Required Music Supplies – Have supplies and instrument by Thursday, September 3

- Instrument (see attached Supply List if you still need to rent an instrument; contact me if money is an issue)
- Method Book (Accent on Achievement Book 1 for your instrument)
 - Accent on Achievement, Combined Percussion for Percussionists
- Instrument Accessories (see attached Supply List for more detailed information):
 - Flute: cleaning rod, swab/handkerchief
 - Clarinet: 4 Mitchell Lurie size 2.5 reeds, silk swab, cork grease, reed protector/case
 - Saxophone: 4 Juno size 2.5 or La Voz medium reeds, silk swab, cork grease, reed protector/case, neckstrap
 - Trumpet: valve oil (Blue Juice), slide grease, cleaning brushes (optional)
 - French Horn: rotor oil (Hetman), slide grease, cleaning brush (optional)
 - Trombone: Yamaha slide lubricant, slide grease, cleaning brush (optional)
 - Baritone/Tuba: valve oil (Blue Juice), slide grease, cleaning brushes (optional)
 - **Mouthpiece cases are recommended for all brass students bringing mouthpieces back and forth outside of an instrument case. They're ~\$5-12.**
 - Percussion: Ludwig Musser 2.5 octave Combo Kit (xylophone and snare drum pad).
 - French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Percussion: Rental instruments stay at home and a school instrument is used at school. Mouthpiece/sticks go back and forth.

Classroom Rules (all school rules apply in addition to what is listed below)

1. Excellence In All We Do
2. Respect Yourself, Others, & Your Environment
3. Be Prepared & On Time
4. Follow All Directions & Procedures
5. Stay Seated

No Tolerance Policies

1. No Gum, Food, Drink in class (bottled water is okay)
2. No Touching of School Equipment Without Permission
3. No Vandalism

Consequence Heirarchy

1. Verbal Warning
2. 2nd Warning and/or Talk With Student
3. Seating Change and/or Alternative Work
4. Parent Contact and Detention Warning
5. Detention/Office Referral

* If a problem is ongoing or serious, students will automatically start at a higher consequence.

Other Expectations

1. All school rules apply (tardies, discipline code, dress code, etc.)
2. No Cell Phones
 - If I see it or hear it (this includes checking the time), it will be confiscated and turned in to the office. Students will usually receive a warning for their first offense. Students may be given permission to use cell phones sometimes since there are many good music apps (tuners, metronomes, music games, etc.) that can be used for band.
3. Stay On Task
 - Class disruptions slow down the learning process and will not be tolerated
 - If a student cannot stay on task, they will not be allowed to participate in the day's activities. Instead, they will sit in a different area and do an alternative assignment.
4. Bathroom
 - Try to use it between classes as possible, but generally bathroom use is more flexible this year.
5. Raise Your Hand
 - ALWAYS raise your hand if you have a question, need to leave your seat, etc.
 - Before asking a question, ask yourself if it is about what we are learning in that moment. If it is not, then save it for the end of class.
 - If you need to leave the classroom, raise your hand, ask permission, and get a pass.
6. School Equipment
 - Students that are assigned school-owned equipment are responsible for its care and maintenance. Any and all repairs needed to maintain the instrument because of improper care will be billed to the student. Students should not play on or blow into equipment that does not belong to them. All school percussion equipment is off limits unless the student has been given permission to play it by Ms. Glauber.

Grade Scale

A	=	90-100
B	=	80-89
C	=	70-79
D	=	60-69
F	=	0-59

Grading System

ASSIGNMENTS & PARTICIPATION	45%
PLAYING & PERFORMANCE SKILLS	45%
PRACTICE	10%

ASSIGNMENTS & PARTICIPATION (45%)

- Written assignments, listening logs, bell ringers, exit slips, projects, reflections, discussions, participation, homework, etc.

PLAYING & PERFORMANCE SKILLS (45%)

- Playing Tests & Quizzes
 - My goal is to do these every 2 weeks. Some tests may be done during class, and some may be assigned to be completed at home.
 - Smart Music: It cost \$10 for a year subscription. The “new” (not Classic) Smartmusic is web-based, so you gain access through their website. You do not have to download a program. It cannot be used on smart phones. This is a great practice tool because it provides accompaniment and tells students if they miss notes or rhythms.
 - Our method book is in this program, so it’s like a tutor for practicing and preparing for playing tests.
 - Smartmusic is required this year - please send in \$10 and I will set your child up with their account.
 - Retakes: Students can do in-person retakes before or after school. To do so, please make an appointment with Ms. Glauber and come prepared.
- Written Tests - retakes are available by appointment before/after school with Ms. Glauber

PRACTICE (10%)

- Band students are expected to practice regularly. Practicing at home is a band student’s homework, and it is essential for each student’s musical growth.
- Practice is most effective when incorporated regularly, so try to create a practice schedule for yourself. While quality is more important than quantity, the most successful students practice daily. Recommended practice time varies by skill level, but 15-20 minutes a day is a good amount to start with. Practicing is often evident in playing test grades.
- Students will be expected to practice at home every week, and will submit evidence of their practice sessions on Canvas.

Band Specific Adjustments Related to the Pandemic

Since circumstances are often changing because of the coronavirus, expectations and statements made in this syllabus may change to best fit the situation and the needs of students/parents/teachers. This is a time of flexibility and change, so keep that in mind as we move forward throughout the year.

Safety Precautions Specific to Band that we will be implementing:

- No shared instruments (except percussion)
- All chairs facing forward instead of in an arc.
- 6 foot spacing between all students playing wind instruments (not percussion)
- Bell covers for instruments to drastically reduce aerosol emissions
 - The band has paid for these, so students will be able to borrow these for free!
 - Lost or damaged bell covers will cost \$10 plus shipping to replace.
- A 2nd mask will be used for band
 - Percussionists do not need a 2nd mask
 - All other instruments, except flute will need a mask with a slit in it
 - Flutes will need a regular mask (no slit) as their 2nd mask.
 - I will send out a video via Canvas and email on how to make a mask with a slit for band.

Performances

- As of right now, there are no scheduled in-person performances, though this is subject to change, especially moving into 2nd semester.
- My hope is to send unlisted Youtube links of student in-class performances as an alternative to live, in-person performances.

Field Trips

- At this time, field trips are not permitted.

PARENT COMMUNICATION:

1. Sign up for Remind text alerts: Text @fhmsband6 to 81010
 - You can also download the Remind mobile app.
 - Get Remind email notifications by sending a blank email to fhmsband6@mail.remind.com
2. Check the band website: www.fhmband.weebly.com
3. Check your student's Google Classroom for band.
4. Call or email. 636-851-4867 kaitlin.glauber@fhdschools.org

Band Supply List

Music Stores

- Mazingo Music: 4689 State Hwy K, O'Fallon, MO 63368 636-300-9553
 Mon - Thurs • 10am - 8pm Fri • 10am - 6pm Sat • 10am - 5pm
- Music and Arts: 6161 Mid Rivers Mall Dr, St. Peters, MO 63304 636-244-3770
 Mon - Fri • 10am - 9pm Sat • 10am - 6pm Sun • 12pm - 5pm

Method Book

Accent on Achievement Book 1 (Blue) for your instrument

Instrument and Supplies – PLEASE CONTACT ME IF \$ IS AN ISSUE

- **Flute** - Brands: Armstrong, Jupiter, Gemeinhardt, Yamaha
 - Supplies: Tuning rod, cleaning swab/handkerchief, name tag on case
- **Clarinet** - Brands: Buffet, Selmer, Jupiter, Yamaha
 - Supplies: 4 Mitchell Lurie size 2.5 reeds, 4-reed holder/case, cork grease, name tag
- **Saxophone** - Brand: Selmer, Yamaha
 - Supplies: Neckstrap (Neotech recommended), cork grease, 4 Juno size 2.5 or La Voz medium reeds, silk swab, 4-reed holder/case, name tag on case
- **Trumpet** - Brand: Bach, Conn, King, Eastman, Jupiter, Yamaha
 - Supplies: Bach 7C mouthpiece, Blue Juice, slide grease, cleaning snake and mouthpiece brush (recommended), name tag on case
- **French Horn** - Brand: Holton, Yamaha, Conn, King, Jupiter, Eastman (double horn)
 - Supplies: Holton MC or Conn 11 mouthpiece, Hetman rotor oil, slide grease, cleaning snake and mouthpiece brush (recommended), name tag on case
- **Trombone** - Brand: Bach TB300, Conn 22H, King 606, Yamaha YSL 354, Jupiter
 - Supplies: mouthpiece case (recommended), Bach 12C or 6½AL mouthpiece, Yamaha slide lubricant and water sprayer, slide grease, name tag, cleaning snake/mouthpiece brush (recommended)
 - 1 instrument provided for use at school, mouthpiece travels back and forth
- **Baritone** - Brand: King, Conn, Jupiter, Yamaha (for use at home)
 - Supplies: mouthpiece case (highly recommended), 12C or 6½AL mouthpiece, Blue Juice, slide grease, name tag on case, cleaning snake and mouthpiece brush (recommended)
 - 1 instrument provided for use at school, mouthpiece travels back and forth
- **Tuba:**
 - Instrument provided by school
 - Supplies: Mouthpiece, Mouthpiece Case
- **Percussion:**
 - Ludwig Musser 2.5 octave Combo Kit (xylophone and snare drum pad). Sticks will travel back and forth for practice.

Instrument Repairs

- If your instrument needs repairs, you have the following options:
 - If you are renting, check with the rental company – it may be included for free
 - Take it to a music store to get repaired yourself.