

Greenfield Junior High School

# Band Handbook

2019 - 2020



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## **WELCOME to the Greenfield JHS Band Program!**

Our goal is for you to have fun while developing your musical skills and for you to gain as much musical knowledge as possible. Our success depends on every individual putting forth his/her best effort and working together to make this a rewarding year. We hope you enjoy your musical studies at GrJHS. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Also, be sure to bookmark [www.BandisFun.com](http://www.BandisFun.com) for information about the Band Program.

## **Music Contract**

Please make certain that you and your parents read the handbook and are aware of the responsibilities of participating in a music performance class. **By signing the Music Contract you indicate that you have reviewed the PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE with your parents and are certain that you are available on all the dates indicated.**

*After reading the Band Handbook, please sign this [Digital Contract](#).*

## **Tax Credit Donations**

Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the AZ tax law that allows taxpayers a credit of up to \$200 per individual and \$400 for joint tax returns per each calendar year, when they contribute to extracurricular activities. A Donation Form may be found under the Resource tab at [www.BandisFun.com](http://www.BandisFun.com). Donations are used for countless needs, such as new music and equipment, festival fees, busing for field trips, instrument repairs, concert needs, recording equipment, sectional coaching, and general band program necessities.

## **Band Boosters**

Band Boosters support the band through fundraising and volunteering time and energy in countless ways. Our program thrives because of our fabulously supportive community and *we NEED your support in order to function well*. Band Boosters is a perfect place for you to be involved in junior high. (You can choose to do a lot, or just a little, but either way we are grateful!) Please see the booster page on our website, or send inquiries to [greenfieldbandinfo@gmail.com](mailto:greenfieldbandinfo@gmail.com).

# Classroom Expectations

## Rules

1. Be on time and prepared for class
2. Be respectful (people and equipment)
3. Give your personal best (attitude and effort)

## Consequences

1. Verbal warning
2. Loss of daily points and possible new seat - Parent Communication Form is sent home.
3. Parent phone call/email and/or referral to administration

# Grading

**Participation Points (37.5% of grade)** are earned for following all of the Classroom Expectations each day, as well as having all required materials each day.

**Written Work Points (20.5% of grade)** are given for worksheets, quizzes, and tests covering a variety of basic music theory concepts.

**Performance Points (22.5% of grade)** are earned for individual Playing Tests. Playing Tests may include scales, etudes, sight-reading, and concert music. Students are assessed on: notes, rhythm, articulation, dynamics, phrasing, and tone quality.

Percussionists are expected to perform on both snare drum and mallet percussion. Their test material may also include snare drum rudiments.

**Performance Points for Concerts (20% of grade)** are awarded for:

- being in full uniform
- arriving on time
- staying for the entire concert
- appropriate audience/on-stage etiquette
- having all materials

*Except for emergencies, absences from performances may only be excused by a note and/or phone call from home being received by Mrs. Moorhead no later than one week **prior** to the anticipated absence.* In the case of an emergency, a phone call or note from home should be received as soon as possible. A make-up assignment will be provided if the absence is excused.

## Materials Needed

**BINDER:** Students need a black 1-inch binder and 15 - 20 sheet protectors for sheet music and additional test material that will be provided by the school.

**BOOKS:** Students will be issued a book from the school at the beginning of the school year. You do NOT need to buy any books this year.

**FLUTISTS:** Tuning rod and cloth.

**REED PLAYERS:** Clarinet and sax players need to have three good reeds AT ALL times. We recommend Van Doren (2 1/2 or 3). Broken or worn reeds must be replaced. You will also need a reed guard, cork grease and cleaning swab.

**BRASS PLAYERS:** Brass players need valve oil (Al Cass preferred), tuning slide grease (Selmer Tuning Slide and Cork Grease preferred), and a mouthpiece brush. Trombone players need slide cream (Trombotine preferred) and a spray bottle for water. Trumpets may also need to buy a straight mute if any of our concert selections require it. French horn players need rotor oil (NOT valve oil) and tuning slide grease (Selmer Tuning Slide and Cork Grease preferred).

**PERCUSSIONISTS:** Percussionists need to have a snare drum to keep at school, a pair of snare drum sticks (SD1 or 5a), and medium yarn mallets. Students will occasionally play timpani, and may choose to purchase his/her own staccato timpani mallets, though they are not required. A stick bag and practice pad are recommended, too, but also not required.

**SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS:** Students using school owned instruments should purchase their own mouthpiece if possible. Please email Mrs. Moorhead for suggestions.

### PERFORMANCE ATTIRE:

**7th Grade:** Boys: A collared, button up, long sleeve WHITE shirt. Girls: A modest solid WHITE shirt/blouse that covers the shoulders. ALL members need solid black pants (no capris), black socks (or nylons), and solid black close-toed shoes. Please, no rips or tears, no jeans, and no tennis shoes.

**8th Grade:** Please wear the polo shirt from last year. This shirt is worn with solid black pants (no capris), black socks, and solid black close-toed shoes. (Same expectations as last year.)

*If you are unable to meet these expectations, please notify the director immediately so arrangements may be made.*

# Greenfield JHS Band Performance Dates 2019 - 2020

September 20, Friday	HHS Marching Band - JH Night (8th Graders attending HHS)
<b>October 1, Tuesday</b>	<b>Band Concert, GRJHS Courtyard, 7 PM</b>
October 18, Friday	GHS Marching Band - JH Night (8th Graders attending GHS)
December 6, Friday	HHS Pops Concert - daytime field trip
<b>December 9, Monday</b>	<b>Band Concert, GHS Auditorium, 7 PM</b>
<b>February 5, Wednesday</b>	<b>6th Grade Band Festival - GRJHS Gym, 6:30 PM</b> <i>Elementary, 8th Grade, and HS Bands</i>
February 8, Saturday	Celebration of Accomplished Teaching <i>Jazz Band Only, 3:30 - 9:30 PM</i>
<b>February 24, Monday</b>	<b>Band Concert, GHS Auditorium, 7 PM</b>
February 28, Friday	GPS District JH Band Festival at MJHS, daytime event Organ Stop Pizza for Lunch
April 2-4	Highland ASU Jazz Festival, (requesting Friday morning, 4/3) ALL are encouraged to attend the evening concerts! <a href="http://www.highlandjazz.com">www.highlandjazz.com</a>
April 30, Thursday	12/60 Club Auditions after school - any student interested
April 24 - 26 (tent)	Disneyland Soundtrack Session (8th Grade Only)
May 1 - 3 (tent)	Disneyland Soundtrack Session (8th Grade Only)
<b>May 6, Wednesday</b>	<b>Band Concert, GHS Auditorium, 7 PM</b>

*Please write these dates on your family calendar at home and refer to the section on Performance Points in the handbook for responsibilities regarding performance attendance. Please note that while I have made every attempt to list all activities for the year, there will inevitably be extra added on. Any activity which students are given two weeks notice is a required activity.*

# Greenfield JHS Band T - Shirt Order Form

## PLEASE PRINT THIS PAGE

This year ALL band students will need to purchase the band t-shirt. This a black shirt with a green and white paint splatter on it. Students will wear it for various events throughout the year(s).

Shirts are \$10. Cash or checks made out to GRJHS Band Boosters are accepted. Orders are due by August 27th.

Please let me know if there is a financial concern.

Also, if parents want to purchase a shirt, that is absolutely great. We love your support!

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**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class Hour** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirts are ADULT sizes. Sample sizes are available in the classroom.

**Please place quantity next to the size needed.**

X-Small \_\_\_\_\_

Large \_\_\_\_\_

Small \_\_\_\_\_

X-Large \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

XX-Large \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Paid: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*\*\*\*Please turn in all orders to Mrs. Moorhead by Tuesday, August 27.\*\*\*\*\**