

Welcome to the Webb City Junior High Cardinal Pride Band!! We are pleased that you will be participating in one of the best band programs in Southwest Missouri! Every fine band program has high standards, not only on performance, but also in attitude and behavior. Our band is no exception.

To achieve our goal, YOU must realize that there are no shortcuts towards fine playing and good performance. These concepts can only be developed through careful and painstaking DAILY work. The more energy you put into our bands, the more satisfaction and reward you will get out of them. Band gives you MANY opportunities. We are looking for strong individuals willing to take the chance to make themselves better people, both in and out of class. We hope that you will take the time to make many new friends in band and progress on your instrument throughout the year. Let's make this the best year possible.

With Pride,

Mr. Oglesby  
Mr. Morgan  
Mr. Devine  
Directors of Cardinal Pride

### **Rules for the WCJH Cardinal Pride Bands**

1. EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION; NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO KEEP OTHERS FROM LEARNING.
2. You are expected to be at the RIGHT PLACE at the RIGHT TIME with the RIGHT EQUIPMENT!!
  - A. READY to rehearse when the bell rings. In chair, with pencil, book, instrument, and music.
  - B. ARRIVE at the specified time to ALL events! Do NOT be late!!!
3. RESPECT THE PODIUM.
  - A. Anytime the podium is occupied by a person of authority, there should be ABSOLUTE ATTENTION given to that person.
4. INSTRUMENTS will be stored in assigned instrument lockers located in the instrument storage room. NO ONE will be allowed in the storage room EXCEPT your parents and you, to pick up YOUR instrument.
5. ALL performances are considered tests. BE THERE!!

6. ALWAYS conduct yourself in a manner that would make yourself, your parents, and the band proud. Have pride in yourself, and you will succeed.

7. NEVER GIVE UP!! You must FAIL before you know what true success really means. Again, NEVER give up.

### **Discipline Procedures**

1. Student will receive verbal warning.
2. For continued offense, student will have 2 minutes assigned after class, a record of offense will be noted in student's file. Loss of grade points will take affect.
3. Student will be assigned detention, contact parents, and loss of maximum points.
4. Principal's Office.

Being in band is considered an honor. Therefore, we expect behavior to be no less than exceptional. If we cannot trust your behavior in our classroom, there will be NO traveling outside of the classroom. You get to travel based on your behavior, and of course, performance level. All discipline procedures are carried through to the fullest extent of the school handbook. Please read in the WCJH handbook under discipline for further reference.

### **Grading Procedures**

Band is a credit class; therefore grades will be taken for classroom work as well as performances. Grades will based in the following:

Daily Participation	25 pts
Weekly Test (playing or written)	50 pts
Performances	100 pts
Scales	100 pts

Each of categories will make up the student's grade. Weekly tests could be written or played. Performances are MANDATORY. All students are expected to be at all performances.

There will be many opportunities for a student to get "extra" points throughout the year. This could include:

Honor Band Try-outs	100 pts
Honor Band Members	200 pts
Solo/Ensemble	50 pts
I rating on Solo/Ensemble	50 pts

I rating at a Band Festival	50 pts
Attend a local concert	25 pts (bring ticket stub or program)
Performance (outside of class)	50 pts (church, civic event, talent show)
Private Lessons	100 pts (must have a signed card each week from private lesson teacher)

### **Practicing**

Practice is the #1 way to become a fine musician and develop skills necessary to make the individual and group a success. The physical demands required to play an instrument can only be developed through CONSISTENT practice. You can't run a marathon without training and preparation, and you can't play an instrument properly without practice. When you practice, you will be playing a MAJOR part in the success of the band program. We can't do it without YOU!! So...PRACTICE!! It's FUN!

### **Performances**

1. Performances are MANDATORY. You are in a Performance Based Class. Therefore, our entire existence is based on musical training, knowledge, and performance.

2. Performance attire will be based on the following:

- Marching Band – uniform provided. Student furnishes shoes/gloves.
- Concert Band – Student furnishes black slacks/white long sleeve oxford.
- Jazz Band – Student furnishes outfit designated by director.

There are some definite NO NO'S:

- A. NO jeans at performances
- B. NO flip-flops or tennis shoes at performances

All marching band shoes MUST be purchased through the band office or bought from a former JH Band student.

3. Student is responsible for their equipment. Instrument MUST be in proper playing condition at all times. Students are responsible for getting their instrument into the shop and get a WRITTEN statement from the music store stating that your horn is in their shop.

4. NO ONE is to leave a performance until the group has been dismissed, OR a parent has contacted the band office and has received approval by director.

**PERFORMANCE PREPARATION:** Each student will be given more than enough time to prepare for a performance. However, PRACTICE will be required. Each student will be evaluated as an individual player. If the directors are not confident with the

student's performance level, the directors reserve the right to ask the student not to play in a certain section of a particular piece.

**SOLO/ENSEMBLE:** This preparation is no different than any other, except that it is optional. The student **MUST** be heard at least **THREE** times before the scheduled event. **IF** the student is **NOT** prepared, we may ask them not to go to contest. We will not let a student go and embarrass himself or herself, or the band program. Again, **PRACTICE** will ensure your success as an individual. If the student signs up to perform a solo/ensemble and does not cancel before the deadline, the **student** is responsible for the entry fee and any other cost incurred.

**PUBLIC PERFORMANCES:** Each band member will be required to attend every public performance. Illness, Religious conviction, or death in the family will of course be accepted as a legitimate excuse. The director should be notified in **ADVANCE** by the parent whenever possible. **PLEASE...** not at the last minute. If there is a transportation problem, arrangements can be made.

When you appear at a public performance, you are representing not only yourself, but also your organization, your school, and your community. Conduct yourself in such a way that you will reflect credit upon yourself and your band.

### **Travel Procedures**

We will be traveling by bus to several festival sites this year. You are expected to follow Webb City R-7 District Bus Rules at **ALL** times. Due to the number of trips the bands take, we pride ourselves in the manner in which we travel. **EVERYONE** is expected to follow the rules.

- A. Absolutely **NO FOOD, DRINKS, CANDY** on bus
- B. **NO** changing of clothes on bus
- C. **NO** stereos, loud jam boxes, etc. You must have a headset on if you bring any type of equipment.
- D. Everyone will make sure the bus is left cleaner than when we got on the bus.  
**ABSOLUTELY NO TRASH WILL BE LEFT ON THE BUS WHEN WE RETURN!!**
- E. **NO** loud singing on the bus.

**For safety reasons** we ask that the parents comply with the following:

- A. Students **MUST** travel **TO** the contest with the band.
- B. Students may ride home with a parent **ONLY**. The parent **MUST** have a written note on file prior to the trip stating that they are picking up the student.

## **Private Lessons**

Private Lessons are designed to move you at a faster pace than in the regular classroom. All lessons will be one on one with a qualified teacher. You should be studying scale studies, rhythm exercises, tone quality, and more. You may earn EXTRA credit for taking private lessons. The lessons are optional but **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!!** Private lessons are offered through area musicians, colleges, and directors. The average cost is \$7.00 per half hour. This is an investment that will last a lifetime.

## **AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING**

We will offer tutoring for **FREE** after school on most Thursdays until 3:50 P.M. It is designed to help students with music assignments. The help is on a first come, first serve basis. It is a great opportunity for students to get in their weekly practice time. Students can check the band room calendar for the dates the tutoring will be offered.

## **Scholastic Eligibility**

The State of Missouri has scholastic eligibility requirements for athletic and non-athletic activities. Under this rule, a student in 7 – 12 grade, who is considered ineligible, will not be allowed to participate in the activity. This means that a band student listed as ineligible will not be allowed to perform with the band until the student receives a passing grade card in the next quarter.

## **WCJH Performance Ensembles**

**Marching Band** – The Marching Band is the most sought after band in our program. You will be performing in selected parades from our 4-state area. We are proud of our marching band program, as it has become one of the largest and one of the best in Southwest Missouri. All band students grade 7-8 will participate. We also have auditions for auxiliaries such as Drum Major and Color Guard in the spring semester. We will be performing at one HS Football half-time performance. The Marching Band has received straight “T” ratings for the last 4 years.

**Symphonic Band** – The Symphonic Band is offered two different periods this year (two 8<sup>th</sup> grade periods). Students are put in specific hours based on their scheduling needs and instrument played. The students in these classes are encouraged to take private lessons. The Jr. High Band will perform at the Mining Days Parade, Christmas parade, a Christmas concert, Spring Concert, and various other band performances and festivals. All band hours will be combined for parades.

**7<sup>th</sup> grade Band** – The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Band is offered two different periods this year (two 7<sup>th</sup> grade periods). Students are put in specific hours based on their scheduling needs and instrument played. The students in these classes are encouraged to take private lessons. The Jr. High Band will perform at the Mining Days Parade, Christmas parade, a

Christmas concert, Spring Concert, and various other band performances and festivals. All band hours will be combined for parades.

**“A” Jazz Band** – This is an audition-based ensemble open to all band members. The group will study in detail the history of Jazz, learn to play standard jazz charts, improvisation, and provide an avenue for many performance opportunities. The “A” Band is the top jazz band and will travel to 5 local jazz festivals, as well as perform at the Spring Jazz Concert.

**“B” Jazz Band** – This is an audition-based ensemble open to all band members. The group will learn the fundamentals of jazz playing, as well as, the fundamentals of improvisation. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> jazz band and usually is a training group for the top band. This ensemble will perform at 3 local festivals as well as the Spring Jazz Concert. It may be combined with the “C” Jazz Band.

**“C” Jazz Band** – This is an auditioned based ensemble open to all band members. The group will focus on the fundamentals of jazz playing. There will be a limited number of performances for this ensemble. This group may be combined with the “B” Band.

**All members of the band need to bring ONE 12 pack of water. Please put your name on the outside of the case so that you get credit for it. If you want cold drinks after rehearsals/performances, you need to BRING your 12 packs!!**

**PLEASE PUT THE BAND CALENDAR ON YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR TO AVOID ANY CONFLICTS! THIS WILL HELP ALL OF US ALONG THE WAY. THANKS!**