

Cherokee 7th Grade Band

Calendar and Syllabus 2009-10

Welcome Cherokee's 7th grade and 2015 band class of Kickapoo High School! This begins an exciting time in your band career where you build on your knowledge from 6th grade and work toward performance perfection. The first several weeks in band will be spent reviewing skills learned last year and getting back into the practice habit. Pep band auditions will be in a couple of weeks. Honor Band try-outs are at the end of October for those who are interested in auditioning for a spot. Listen in class for details.

It is very important that you read this letter for important details of the band program and concert dates that effect the entire year.

Major Instructional Goals – go to <http://springfieldpublicschoolsno.org> under the curriculum button to view Major Instructional Goals

Supplies needed:

- 1" wide 3 ring binder with inside pockets – put name on binder
- 20 top loading clear plastic sleeves (non-glare is best)
- Pencil to be left in binder
- Band Expressions Book I and Book II – put name on books
- Name on outside of instrument case

Grading Policy

- 20% practice records
- 40% Class participation/conduct
- 40% Test – (playing test and written test)

Plagiarism – please refer to the plagiarism section in the Cherokee student planner.

Skills are discussed and demonstrated in class, but must be worked on individually at home. Private lessons are always encouraged! Individual practice is necessary to improve. Several choices may be offered for practice record credit during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters.

****An unexcused absence from an evening or off campus performance will reduce the participation points by 50%, thus lowering the semester grade two complete letter grades. Excused absences will be given a make-up assignment. Directors reserve the right to determine excused or unexcused.**

Grading Scale: A 94-100%; A- 90-93%; B+ 87-89%; B 84-86%; B- 80-83%; C+ 77-79%;
C 74-76%; C- 70-73%; D+ 67-69%; D 64-66%; D- 60-63%; F below 60%. (This is district mandated.)

Tardy Policy to class

- 1st Tardy – Warning
- 2nd Tardy – Warning
- 3rd Tardy- Lunch Detention
- 4th Tardy – Lunch Detention – Call Parents
- 5th Tardy – After School Detention
- 8th Tardy – ISS

Continued Tardies will result in In-School Suspension

Tardies will go back to Zero at the beginning of the 2nd semester

Required Performance Attire

Every time the 7th grade band performs we will wear the following “uniform.”

Cherokee band t-shirt. (Order forms for shirts will be sent home soon. The shirts will be less than \$10.)

Solid Black dress pants* – plain conservative dress pants. No **jeans**, silk, leather, stretch, pin stripes or shiny material. Please purchase just plain twill “docker style” dress slacks.

Totally Black dress shoes and socks.*

Band Room Rules

1. Water only - No food, drinks, candy or gum in the band room.
2. Keep hands off things that do not belong to you.
3. Do not play, talk or get out of your chair without permission.
4. Keep hands and feet to yourself.
5. Treat school property and equipment with respect (chairs, stands, instruments and music).
6. Keep the band room and instrument bins clean.
7. Respect others.
8. Be prepared! Have instrument, music, reeds, valve oil, pencil, etc., daily. Instruments in shop need a note from home and a repair receipt upon return.
9. Patience during the construction process.

Earning a Music Letter

Earning a music letter is an honor for students who distinguish themselves through performance and contribute to the band above and beyond the normal classroom expectations.

To earn a Letter you must make some kind of “A” each semester in band **and** do at least **three** of the following:

- ♫ Be a member of jazz band with attendance to rehearsals and performances.
- ♫ Audition for and be selected as a member of the district honor band. Must attend rehearsal and performance.
- ♫ Be a member of the Pep Band (and attended at least 80% of the games for what ever season you are involved in, boy’s and/or girl’s.)
- ♫ Take private lessons on your band instrument for the entire year (Must bring a note from private teacher by May 14, 2010)
- ♫ Perform at solo and ensemble festival and earn a I rating on an ensemble or at least a II rating on a solo. (only counts as once toward music letter regardless of number of events you perform)
- ♫ Sell at least 20 items for the Music Department Fundraiser or a donation of \$60 or greater is acceptable.

Music Fundraiser

Participation in the music department fundraiser is very important because it generates money to provide new music, instruments, awards, and equipment. In addition, the transportation costs and entry fees associated with travel are paid for with fundraiser money. Last year’s travel cost alone exceeded \$5,500. With gas prices it will be even higher this year. Please plan to support our fundraiser on October 8th which allows us to cover our department expenses.

Off Campus Travel

The 7th grade concert band members will travel away from the Cherokee campus to a competition in May. The band will be judged by three experts. This is an exciting time and students should dress in required concert attire for the event. An information sheet with rehearsal behavior expectations will be sent home for your signature closer to the performance event. Students must meet those requirements and the following criteria to earn the right to travel with the band. Any infraction may result in the loss of travel privilege. A small travel fee will be required to off set the bus fees. This will be nonrefundable should you lose travel privileges.

1. Must **not** have excessive class or school absences. Students in question will have their attendance reviewed on an individual basis. Review will begin about 4 weeks before travel.
2. May not have any unexcused absence from a band performance. Directors reserve the right to determine excused or unexcused.
3. Students with discipline referrals (in any class, not just band) or poor class participation will be reviewed on an individual basis. Review will begin about 4 weeks before travel.
4. Required concert attire.

Important Dates

October 8, 2009 – Music Department Fundraiser kick-off – no instruments needed that day

October 21, 2009 – Audition recordings are due for District Honor Band Audition - Make sure rehearsal date is free on your calendar from 8:30 am – 4 pm before you audition.

November 21, 2009 – 7th and 8th grade Honor Band rehearsal (all day) and concert (by audition only)

December 10, 2009 – Winter Concert – 7th Band – times TBA in Cherokee Gym

February 27, 2010 – Solo/Ensemble contest (select students) at Pershing Middle School

May TBA, 2010 – 7th grade band and jazz band to Spfd Middle School Band Contest place TBA

May 25, 2009 – Spring Concert – 7th Concert Band and 7th Jazz Band – times TBA in Cherokee Gym

Communication

Please neatly fill in your email address below. We will use email as a primary form of communication. Please make sure the email is correct and can be read easily.

Contact Information

If you would like to contact us: Email address – Mrs. Wells: bwells493@spsmail.org or phone 523-7200 ext 46142 (still having phone issues, please try to use email if possible!). Mr. Zinecker: jzinecker@spsmail.org or phone 523-7200 ext 46144.

We are looking forward to a great year.

Mrs. Wells and Mr. Zinecker

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Please sign and return by Friday, September 4, 2009, so we know you have been informed of the grading procedures, band room rules, conduct/discipline code, clothing requirements and concert dates.

Student Name _____

*Instrument Brand Name and Serial Number (you should have this information for your records also)

I understand the grading policies, band rules, dress requirements and that concerts are a major part of the band grade. We do not have any conflicts on these dates and the concerts have been placed on our calendar.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Daytime Phone Number (s) _____

*Parent email address _____

Do you or your student have concerns or special needs?

*Must be completed before turning in.