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Objectives of the Band Program

- To teach music through actual performance
- To develop performance skills on the various wind and percussion instruments
- To provide the musical needs of both the school and community
- To acquaint students with different styles and periods of music and how they relate to their periods of time in history
- To provide for group experiences leading to the development of Esprit De Corps and self-discipline

General Rules and Expectations

- Respect others at all times.
- Listen to instructions.
- No food, gum, candy or drinks other than water in the band room.
- Only have your property in your possession.
- Have all materials ready at the beginning of class every day.
- Be on time for everything.
- Participate to the best of your ability at all times.
- Use the restroom before class starts.

Consequences

You are responsible for the consequences of your actions

- 1st offense: A verbal warning and 5 points off student’s daily participation grade.
- 2nd offense: A verbal warning and 10 points off student’s daily participation grade. If behavior has been an issue in the past, parents/guardians will be notified.
- 3rd offense: Student will put his/her instrument away and complete an alternate assignment for the rest of class time. If the alternate assignment is not completed by the end of class time it will be homework and due the next day of class. Parents/Guardians will be notified.
- 4th offense: Office referral.
Assessment

• Class participation 50%
  o In order to get full credit (100 points daily) students must be prepared for class. Each student must have his/her instrument with all instrument specific materials listed on page 5, all music in a binder, and a pencil.
  o Participation includes following all duties and daily procedures as listed on page 6.

• Practice charts 10%
  o It is imperative that each student spends time outside of class practicing his or her instrument. Without additional practice, students will not develop to their full potential.
  o Practice charts are given out on a monthly basis. Practice charts are due on the first class day of the following month.
  o On the reverse side of the practice chart will be a monthly letter with reminders about upcoming events.
  o I understand many of my students have busy schedules; therefore, the band room will be open for student practice before school (7:15 to 7:45) and after school by appointment.
  o 100 minutes per week = A, 90 minutes per week = B, 80 minutes per week = C, 70 minutes per week = D, 60 minutes or less per week = F

• Playing tests 15%
  o All playing test assignments are listed on each month’s practice chart. Your child will know well in advance when each test will be given.

• Concerts 25%
  o It is a requirement that all band students perform in our concerts. They will be at Wren High School on the following dates and times:
    ▪ **Christmas** – Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00pm
    ▪ **Spring** – Thursday, March 12th at 7:00pm
    ▪ **Concert Festival** – 6th to 7th grade students may participate at the discretion of the Band Director. Concert Festival will be one of the following dates March 24, 25 or 26. This event earns our program points toward the Outstanding Performance Award or OPA.
    o Below are performance opportunities for **extra credit**. See page 7 for more details
      o Region Band – Auditions January 10
      o All-State Band – Auditions January 24
      o Solo & Ensemble Festival – May 1 or 2

Concert Dress

**Black dress pants, black socks, black dress shoes and a white dress shirt.**
Absolutely no jeans, Capri pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, denim, sweatpants etc..
Dress shoes should be black closed toe shoes. No tennis shoes, sandals or flip flops! Mrs. Tarbutton should be given written notification two weeks prior to any performance if there are any issues with the concert dress.
**Materials**

- Band instrument (with all appropriate accessories – see list below)
- All students must purchase a lesson book from the school!
  - All percussion books are $15.00.
  - 7th and 8th grade wind player books are $9.00.
  - 6th grade wind player books are $10.00.
  - Students will not be given a lesson book until it is paid for.
- Each student will be required to use a three ring binder or sturdy folder and a pencil!
- A wire or metal music stand to keep at home for required practice time is **strongly recommended**.
- Instrument specific materials:
  - **Flute** players – cleaning cloth – any soft cotton will do
  - **Clarinet & Saxophone** players – 4 good reeds, cork grease, and a cleaning swab. Saxophones need a neck strap. Claricords for clarinets optional. Tuners and metronomes are also optional but highly recommended!
    
    For your convenience these materials may be purchased at school!

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- **Trumpet, Baritone and Tuba** players - valve oil
  - $4.00 per bottle at school
- **Trombone** players - slide oil
  - $4.00 per bottle at school

**Percussion** players – A stick bag with the following: a pair of Vic Firth SD2 Bolero American Custom Drum Sticks, M3 medium Vibraphone/Marimba Mallets, M6 Bell & Xylophone Mallets. 6th grade percussion students will use the plastic mallets only for the first semester and all sticks and mallets second semester. A stick bag with all sticks and mallets may be purchased through the school for $70.00. This may seem expensive; however, quality sticks and mallets are an investment. If they are used properly sticks and mallets should last through middle school and well into high school.

- Items may be purchased at the following locations:
  - School – Please make checks payable to Wren Middle School
  - Banister Music Center 2500 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621 225-5322
  - Draisen Edwards 2902 N Main St Anderson, SC 29621 225-4668
  - Pecknel Music Company 1312 N Pleasantburg Dr Greenville, SC 29607 244-7881
Honor Bands and Solo & Ensemble
*These events earn us points toward OPA!*

Region 2 Band
Registration $ Due: **October 24**
Auditions: **January 10**
Region Clinic: **February 20 & 21**
Registered Alternate Students = 0.5 OPA points each
Chaired students = 2 OPA points each
This clinic is for band members from the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) region 2 schools. The Junior Band is comprised of 6th through 8th grade students. Students must prepare a specific list of requirements and audition for a chair. The audition requirements are available in the band room or online at [www.bandlink.org](http://www.bandlink.org).
Students who are selected will be invited to the “Region 2 Band Clinic”, where a guest conductor will prepare the students for a public concert performance. The selected students will also receive a medal to wear on their white dress shirt during future performances.

All-State Band
Registration $ Due: **February 3**
Call-Back Auditions: **January 24**
All-State Clinic: **March 13 to 15**
Registered Alternate Students = 0.5 OPA points each
Chaired students = 4 OPA points each
This clinic is only the top ranked musicians from each of the five SCBDA regions in South Carolina. The top scoring auditions from each region will be invited to participate in a call-back audition for an All-State chair. The Top ranked call-back auditions will receive an All-State chair. Students who are selected will be invited to the “All-State Band Clinic”, where a guest conductor will prepare the students for a public concert performance. The selected students will also receive a medal to wear on their white dress shirt during future performances.

Solo & Ensemble
Registration fee of $6 per solo and $4 per person in ensembles Due: **March 6 May1 or 2**
All Superior Ratings = 2 OPA points per event
Each year the South Carolina Band Director’s Association hosts Solo & Ensemble Festival. This event gives students of all ages and performance levels a chance to present a solo (one person) or ensemble (two or more) for a judge. Students who earn a superior rating will receive a medal and a certificate, students who earn an excellent rating will receive a certificate.

Concert Festival
Superior Rating = 20 OPA points
Excellent Rating = 16 OPA points
Concert festival will be one of the following dates: **March 24, 25 or 26**.
Concert Festival is an opportunity to perform as a full band for a judge and receive a rating. (I – Superior, II-Excellent, III-Good, IV-Fair, and V-Poor) For this event students must wear black pants, black shoes, black socks, and a white dress shirt. Concert Festival 6th to 8th grade students may participate at the discretion of the Band Director. *Students must have an 85% or higher band class average to participate!*
Wren Middle School Band Schedule
Please check the WREN MS Band website for updates and revisions to this calendar.

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<td>Band Trip</td>
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For additional information and calendar updates please visit the class web site.
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I have read and understand the entirety of the Wren Middle School Band Handbook.

Student signature ____________________________________________

Parent signature ____________________________________________

Parent email ________________________________________________

Please return this page to Mrs. Tarbutton by

August 22th – 7th and 8th grade

September 5th - 6th grade