

Northern York County School Elementary Band Information

Contact Information

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Welcome to Elementary Band!

Elementary Band is for students who are excited to learn a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument. Beginner students are those that are brand new to the program. Students returning to band in 5th grade are Advanced band students. ANYONE in 4th and 5th grade is welcome to play an instrument!

Mrs. Zampelli's mission is to help students discover their passion, purpose, and personal growth through the journey of learning an instrument. Band will be a place to learn, play, be safe and part of a community. Students are expected to listen, learn, respect others, try their best, commit to playing their instrument at school and at home (at least a little), make mistakes, try new things, and have FUN!

We will learn many musical elements such as note and rhythm reading, dynamics, expression and rehearsal and performance etiquette. Band promotes many life-long skills like teamwork, self-management, decision making, and learning from mistakes.

We will learn all these things in band Lessons and Full Band. Band Lessons are once a cycle with just a small group of students. Students will miss 25-30 minutes of the school day for lessons. Lessons will change every marking period so they do not miss the same class all year. Full Band meets once a cycle with all the students to put all the parts together and make amazing music! This meets during recess normally. This is like a puzzle and every student is important! I will give students and teachers a lesson schedule. Please make sure students know when their lessons are so they can come prepared with their instrument folder, instrument, and a great attitude.

Playing at home is so important to reinforce the topics we cover in Band. I only see students once a cycle, which does not allow for consistent playing habits. Students do need to play at home. A practice calendar will come home with their assignment and a suggested amount of practice per week (between 60-100 minutes normally). This needs to be signed by an adult. I will send the "tips and tricks to help your student play at home" information with the first lesson, so you can help your child learn and love their instrument!

Concert Attendance

When being part of the band, students are expected to participate in the concert. This is a great learning experience, even if you are nervous because we are a team and will help every member! If there is a planned vacation over a concert day, please let me know. If there is a sickness or other emergency the day of, please let me know. Sport practices should come second to our concert. We have only 2 nights a year for the band to perform and we ask that you make this the priority. If their sporting event is of great importance, like a championship, please let me know and we will try to work something out to participate in both events.

Here are the concert dates. Add them to your calendar now!

Important Dates

*Please note that due to current circumstances, our Concert and Dress Rehearsal dates are subject to change! Any changes will be communicated to families as soon as possible.

Event	Who	Where	When
Elementary Band Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal	2nd-Year Band Students	High School Auditorium	12/12/23 (during day)
Elementary Orchestra/Band/Chorus Winter Concert	2nd-Year Band Students (1st-Year Band optional as audience)	High School Auditorium	12/12/23 7:00 PM
Elementary Band Spring Concert Dress Rehearsals	1st-Year	High School Auditorium	TBA
	Advanced Band		TBA
Elementary Orchestra/Band Spring Concert	All 1st- and 2nd-Year Band students	High School Auditorium	04/16/24 7:00 PM

Band Expectations

BAND will stand for Be Respectful (to everyone and equipment), Attitude Check (have positive things to say), Never Give Up (things might be hard but mistakes make us stronger), Do What You Need to Do (practice when you can, let me know if there are issues with practice or getting to lessons).

“Grading”- Band does not get official grades, but I will be keeping track of your students’ Progress, Practice, and Attendance. There will be a report sent home through Seesaw each marking period to discuss each student’s achievement in progress, practice, and attendance. Feel free to reach out whenever you have concerns or questions!

Band Reminders

Communication will be through Seesaw. Each week, I will send home a reminder message that we have a lesson and/or Full Band Rehearsal the next day. For example, if your child has a lesson on Day 4, you will receive a message on the afternoon of Day 3 to remind you that your child has a lesson the next day.

Band is a commitment!

Just like a sports team, band is a commitment for the entire year. Every student is important for the balance and blend of our music. I do ask for you and your student to commit to the entire school year for this activity.

Thank you and I look forward to teaching your child a band instrument!

Please return this page to Mrs. Zampelli by October 2, 2023.

We have read the information

We understand that Concert and Dress Rehearsal attendance is required.

We have marked the dates of the Concerts and Dress Rehearsals in our calendar, and we will contact Mrs. Zampelli as soon as possible if there is a conflict.

We understand that practicing outside of school is a requirement, and that 60-100 minutes of practice per week is our goal.

We also understand that if we can't practice that much due to other reasons, ANY amount of practice is better than none.

We understand that if motivation to practice at home becomes a challenge, we should contact Mrs. Zampelli for tips and encouragement.

We understand band is a full year commitment and are committing to a full year of band participation

If we have any questions about Band, we understand that we can email Mrs. Zampelli anytime at jzampelli@northernnyork.org or contact her via Seesaw. We also understand that students are always welcome to ask questions in person. 😊

Student Name: _____

School Attending: _____

Parent/Guardian (Printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

(date)

Preferred email: _____

Preferred phone number: _____