



## ***Oakleaf Jr. High School Yellow Jacket Band***

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***\*WELCOME TO THE YELLOW JACKET BAND PROGRAM!***

***\*VISIT THE BAND WEBSITE IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY:***

***www.oakleafband.com***

***\*‘LIKE’ us on FACEBOOK: Oakleaf Jr. High Band ← this is important!!***

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### **\*\*\*INTERMEDIATE BAND-**

1. Every student should already have their instrument and hopefully you worked on the music I assigned to you over the summer listed on Level 2. ☺ ---Back in May, I sent home the Band Calendar, Band Fees, and list of required supplies. Check website for list.

2. You need Accent on Achievement Book 2. Woodwind musicians still need the brand of reeds and size I require: Vandoren size 3. Brass musicians have a certain mouthpiece I require. Please arrange to get it at a music store listed on the band website.

3. The Intermediate Band is a performing band. This band will perform throughout the year so check the calendar for dates that apply to you. I look forward to working with each musician this year and with hard work, they should be ready to perform music on several difficulty levels throughout the year.

4. Band Calendar and Band Fees can be found on the following page. ---→ ---→ ---→

### **Making the ‘GRADE’ in Band**

\*First, let me say that the student truly controls their grade in the band class. The amount of practicing at home and desire to be the best young musician they can possibly be... will ultimately decide their grade.

\*Unlike the other core subjects, Band grades are 99.9% ‘subjectively’ calculated. Meaning: the individual musician is graded on:

1. correctly displaying the foundational techniques on their instrument
2. accuracy of notes and rhythms
3. proper breathing and tone production
4. mastery of the music they are performing for the Director

\*Evaluations/Tests in band are a little more complex than a ‘10 question test worth 10 points each’...

I am not only listening for the song/musical exercise to be performed perfectly, but I am also looking for ALL the other details listed above.

\*My standards are high – BUT attainable! I evaluate each student based on the state band standards and then try to give them a fair numerical grade based on the standard school grading scale. I expect all band students, no matter the level, to be making A’s AND B’s in their band class.

\*Every level of band has a ‘Level Form’ to complete for me for the school year. There are 3 levels: Level 1– Beginning Band, Level 2- Intermediate Band, and Level 3- Concert Band. These forms list all tests/evaluations for the band the student is in.

**\*Here are tips on how to make the ‘GRADE’ in band:**

1. Practice every day and fill out the Practice Log. Make sure to practice the material we are working on in band class--- complete your LEVEL. ☺
2. Come to band class every day with the instrument and supplies.
3. Take private lessons from a professional musician if it is convenient for you. See website for list.
4. Listen to the other musicians in class--- you might be able to learn from their performance or help them if they are struggling.
5. Dedicate yourself to being the best musician you can possibly be. Learning a band instrument and how to read music is not easy. It does take work and commitment.
6. Parents please call me or email me if you have questions or concerns regarding the band program.

**→CHECK ‘FOCUS’ FOR BAND TESTS AND GRADES←**

## **2017-2018 BAND FEES for Intermediate Band**

Band fees are the amount that each student is responsible for contributing to the band program.

**This fee pays for band shirts, music, in class supplies, state and district musician fees, & other miscellaneous items that every band is responsible for in order to exist and perform.**

You can pay the entire amount by the first due date; or you can pay smaller payments each month... -SEE BELOW-

### **\*Intermediate Band 2017-18 → \$90 (cash or a G😊😊D check to Oakleaf Band)**

**[Pay all on Sept 19, or 2 payments of \$45 each on Sept 19 and Oct 17]**

\*Parents must provide the band instrument, band book, and instrument care supplies listed on the REQUIRED INSTRUMENT LIST, through the Music and Arts Store (292-9705), or any other music store.

\*Note: Please provide the following for your child for the concerts:

\*UNIFORM - black band polo (included in band fees), black dress shoes, black dress socks, and black pants.  
(sometimes jeans will be acceptable-Director will let you know)

\*Note: polo sizes come in: Youth L, Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

### **Intermediate Band Calendar of Events 2017-2018**

**IB = Intermediate Band / DL = Drumline**

**\*The Band Calendar will be updated when necessary; so check the band website or Facebook often.\***

\*8/15- Students start school- WELCOME BACK!

→DrumLine has before school rehearsals every morning until the music is learned & they perform at the home football games.

\*8/17- DrumLine rehearsals start--- 8:30-9:15, every morning until music is learned. ☺ (REQUIRED EVENT)

\*8/17- Bring Instrument! **RE-AUDITIONS --- and possible schedule changes!** Students should have all required supplies needed- a handout was passed out at the end of last school year listing all new required materials and music to practice on over the summer.

→\*9/19- **Band Fee Payment #1 due (\$45 or full amount of \$90)**

\*9/26- DrumLine perform @ football game / they will stay after school (REQUIRED EVENT)

\*10/3- DrumLine perform @ football game / they will stay after school (REQUIRED EVENT)

\*10/10- DrumLine perform @ football game / they will stay after school (REQUIRED EVENT)

\*10/17- DrumLine perform @ football game / they will stay after school (REQUIRED EVENT)

→\*10/17- **Final Band Fee Payment due (\$45 or full amount of \$90) ---ALL FEES NEED TO BE IN---**

\*10/20 (Friday)- Jr. High Band Night w/OLHS Marching Band - *8<sup>th</sup> Graders only + DL* with Concert Band (REQUIRED EVENT)

\*12/8 (Friday)- 6:30pm- Band Concert / (REQUIRED EVENT)

\*Month of February (5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>)- Auditions for all 6 & 7 grade band students for next year's Bands (REQUIRED EVENT)

\*4/6 (Friday)- 6:30pm- Band Concert & Awards / (REQUIRED EVENT)

→Leading up to a band event, Mr. Summers will ALWAYS send home a letter with details so that the Parents can be prepared.

**Please check the band website for updates throughout the year. [www.oakleafband.com](http://www.oakleafband.com)**

**Please check the online grading system: FOCUS for dates of tests and your student's band grades.**

**“Poor planning or forgetting” does not excuse a band student from any REQUIRED date listed above associated with their band (s). Let your athletic coach know if there are any dates you will miss a practice/game due to a REQUIRED Band event.**

→ The OLJHS Band Program is one of the elite programs in the State and high standards/expectations are emphasized. By "electing" to sign up for BAND, the student (with parent support) commits to being at all rehearsals, performances, and/or scheduled events THAT APPLY TO THE STUDENT'S BAND THAT THEY ARE A MEMBER OF. There are State Standards that each band student is responsible for completing in the Band Class. *All rehearsals & performances are a part of these standards / band curriculum and their attendance is crucial to their musical development and overall grade in band.* The OLJHS Band Program participates in many events during the school day and several events throughout the year which take place during after school hours or on the weekend.

\*Note: By being a member of the Band Program, the student & parent agree to be at all 'REQUIRED EVENTS' related to the student's band/group; and understand that all rehearsals and performances related to the student's band/group; are a part of the State Standards for Band. Only an emergency can excuse a student-musician from a REQUIRED EVENT. (Mr. Summers definition of an emergency: *an unforeseen family emergency due to death or serious illness.*) There are NO 'make-up' assignments for missed performances because there is no other assignment that can equal the weight of importance of a performance. ☺.