



Oakleaf Jr. High School Yellow Jacket Band

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www.oakleafband.com / BAND INFO & UPDATES: <https://www.facebook.com/oakleafyellowjacketband>

******BAND 1: BEGINNING BAND******

WHERE THE MUSICAL JOURNEY BEGINS!

****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!!***

The start of a new school year can be quite crazy. I will do my best to provide ALL band info to you in order to get your student “plugged-in” to the most exciting band program around. The band website & Facebook page is updated every week- the info below should help you get started.

**→FIRST OF ALL.... - DO NOT GO OUT AND BUY AN
INSTRUMENT YET!!!!!!**

No instrument has been assigned to a student, unless you have already spoken to the Band Director. ☺ There are many students signed up for the Beginning Band classes, and it is our responsibility to place each student with the correct instrument that fits them and they like.

****There is a process...***

The process for “fitting” a student to a band instrument is very unique and fun. The experience of the Band Director is very critical to this “fitting” process because getting ‘it’ wrong can be frustrating to the student in their musical journey. Most students can be fitted to most instruments. But, there are a few instruments that require specific physical qualities in order for success. We ask parents to trust the process and to not allow their past experiences to influence the “fitting” process. Once a student has been “fitted”, a CONGRATULATIONS letter will be sent home with further directions on how to contact the music stores to get the instrument and band supplies.

*The list of instruments and their descriptions can be found here:

http://www.oakleafband.com/uploads/1/1/6/9/116934505/beginning_band_eval_for_instr_placement.pdf

*****PLEASE READ THE ‘INTRO TO BEGINNING BAND’ INFO ON BAND WEBSITE*****

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BAND IS FUN!!! But- There is an Academic Commitment AND a Financial Commitment. Over the next several days, as we conduct music evaluations, if you have questions, please contact us so that we can help you and your student. Sincerely, Mr. Summers & Mr. Dunn

2020-2021 BAND FEES for Beginning Band

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

This fee (fair-share) 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.

Please let me know if other financial arrangements need to be made. --Please contact Mr. Summers if you need more time to get the fees in... it's not a problem, I just need to know.

*→***Please Note: The band fee does NOT go to a music store and IS separate from your rental agreement with a music store. The rental agreement is between you and the music store. Also, The Band Fee does not include the yearly \$100 rental for school instruments.*

*Beginning Band 2020-21 → \$120 [Due on August 31]

*Parents must provide the band instrument and instrument care supplies listed on the REQUIRED INSTRUMENT LIST, through Costello's Music (904-579-3723), Music and Arts Store (904-292-9705), or any approved music store. Please check the 'Required Instrument' form for acceptable brands.

*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.

*Note: shirt sizes come in: Adult Xsmall, Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

*****I repeat --- there is a separate form that will list all supplies / instrument stuff you will need to get from the music store. I will pass that out during the first week of school after I have determined what instrument your student going to play.**

Beginning Band Calendar of Events 2020-2021

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

*8/25- Students start school- WELCOME BACK!

*First week: Instrument evaluations & Music evaluations / SCHEDULE CHANGES IF NEEDED —*A congratulations letter will be given to every Beginner once the evaluations are complete :*

→*8/31? at 5:30pm- *Mandatory Beginning Band Parent Meeting.* This is the time when you will be given detailed info on how to get band instruments/supplies for your child. Students will know what instrument they will be playing by this date--- exciting!!! (REQUIRED EVENT)

→*8/31- yearly fair-share Band Fee due (\$120) / +\$100 yearly rental if using a school instrument. --*Please contact Mr. Summers if you need more time to get the fees in... it's not a problem, I just need to know.*

*9/8 (day after Labor Day)- Beginning Band should have ALL their instruments & supplies needed for Band or *schedules will need to be changed.*

*12/11 (Friday)- 3:50-6pm BB- Mandatory Rehearsal after school & before band concert that night (REQUIRED EVENT)

*12/11 (Friday)- 6:00pm- Band Concert / (REQUIRED EVENT)

*Month of February- Auditions for all band students for next year's Bands (REQUIRED EVENT)

*4/30 (Friday) - 3:50-6pm BB- Mandatory Rehearsal after school AND before band concert that night (REQUIRED EVENT)

*4/30 (Friday)- 6:00pm- 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

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. ☺