



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!***

*****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←

Please check the band Facebook for updates throughout the year. <https://www.facebook.com/oakleafyellowjacketband>

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.

2020-21 BAND FEES for Intermediate Band

Band fee (fair-share) is the amount that each student is responsible for contributing to the band program. Some people believe that the school or county should fund the band programs. Wouldn't that be great? That will not happen! So, the band programs must fund themselves.

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.

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.

The Band Fee is not the same as the rental fee to the music store and does not include the yearly \$100 rental for school instruments.

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

*Parents must provide the band instrument, band book, 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 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 2020-21

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

*8/25- Students start school- WELCOME BACK! No instruments first 2 days of school-bring instruments on Thursday!

→Drumline has before school rehearsals every morning (EXCEPT TUESDAYS) until the music is learned & they perform at the home football games. The games are REQUIRED if you are a member of the Drumline.

*8/27- DrumLine rehearsals start--- 8:30-9:15, every morning (except Tuesdays) until music is learned. ☺ (REQUIRED EVENT)

*8/27- Bring instruments! Students should have all required supplies needed.

→*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.

*8/31- Return the Health/Travel Form for an easy 100/A. ---Must have this form on file!!!

*9/15- Drumline at football game. Stay after school. Game starts at 6pm. (REQUIRED EVENT)

*9/25- Jr. High Band Night w/OLHS Marching Band at football game- CB,DL & IB /(REQUIRED EVENT)

*10/6- Drumline at football game. Stay after school. Game starts at 6pm. (REQUIRED EVENT)

*10/13- Drumline at football game. Stay after school. Game starts at 6pm. (REQUIRED EVENT)

*10/27- Drumline at football game. Stay after school. Game starts at 6pm. (REQUIRED EVENT)

*11/3- Drumline at football game. Stay after school. Game starts at 6pm. (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)- 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.

*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. ☺