



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

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

### ***Jazz Band Piano Players & Drumset***

Congratulations on being selected to the Oakleaf Jr High Jazz Band for the next school year! We look forward to meeting you and teaching you; AND having you work hard to help our Jazz Band be the BEST!

Also, here is some music to work on over the summer break. Please visit the band website to hear the songs and play-a-long with the recordings. PLEASE DO NOT STRESS OUT if cannot play this music immediately... just practice and you will get better.

→Link to recordings... scroll down to the Jazz Band section and find the song: <http://www.oakleafband.com/recordings.html>

In jazz band music, there is one piano part (sometimes 2) and one bass part played with the left hand on our piano keyboard with a bass setting. Depending on how many piano players we have, you might not be playing on every concert song; but you will play often depending on your ability and how much you practice and improve.

During Jazz Band class, we also work out of a book we call: "Jazz Tracks". These jazz tracks help the entire jazz band understand how to play different jazz styles; and the majority of your graded tests will come from the "Jazz Tracks" folder. We have enough pianos/keyboards for EVERY piano player to participate during the teaching of the "Jazz Tracks".

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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 or extracurricular sponsor know if there are any dates you will miss a practice/game/etc. 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.

## **Band Calendar of Events 2022-2023**

\*8/10 (Wednesday)- Students start school- WELCOME BACK! No instruments first day of school-bring instruments on Thursday!

\*8/11 (Thursday)- Bring instruments! Students should have all required supplies needed for this school year.

→\*8/31- yearly fair-share Band Fee due (\$120). --Please contact Mr. Summers if you need more time to get the fees in... it's not a problem, I just need to know...more info on back → THE BAND TRIP/CHAPERONE FEE IS DUE LATER; BUT CAN BE PAID ON THIS DATE. Please pay with cash or a 'good' check made out to: Oakleaf Jr High School Band.

\*12/9 (Friday)- 6:00pm- Band Concert (**REQUIRED EVENT**)

**LOOK! \*12/10 (Saturday)- Concert Band trip/performance at Universal Studios Citywalk! ..... more info below**

### →\*MUSIC / BAND ASSESSMENT SEASON BEGINS: (ALL EVENTS ARE REQUIRED)

Most important performances of the year! / Let your athletic coach or extracurricular sponsor know that these dates are REQUIRED Band events. / Please plan accordingly.

\*2/7 (Tuesday)- Oakleaf Jazz Band Night- 6pm at OHS cafeteria- This is a preview of the songs the Oakleaf Jazz Bands will perform for the judges in a couple of days at the...

\*2/8-2/9 (Wednesday or Thursday)- FBA Jazz Band Assessment – Jazz Band performs for the Judges! -very important performance! The State will assign us a performing day and time slot.

\*4/28 (Friday)- 6:00pm- Band Concert & Awards /(**REQUIRED EVENT**)

## **2022-23 BAND FEES for Jazz 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, band programs must fund themselves.

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

*Please let me know if other financial arrangements need to be made. My goal is to find a way for every band student to experience performing their instrument for thousands of people at all the events listed on the band calendar.*

**\*Jazz Band → \$120** [Due on August 31]

\*Polo sizes come in: Adult Xsmall, Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

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

UNIFORM -black dress shoes, black dress socks, and black pants. (The black band polo is included in the band fees.)

### **-> -> \*Band Trip\* <- <-**

**\$300**

The band trip planned for the 2022-2023 year is a performance/fun trip on the UNIVERSAL STUDIOS CITYWALK for both Jazz Band & Concert Band on December 10, 2022. Both bands have been accepted to perform on the Citywalk. **This is a day trip; we will return late at night. Parents- this is a band trip, not a family vacation. Students will stay with the band group for the entire trip. No parent pickup down in Orlando... pickup is at Oakleaf Jr High when we return that night.** Paid Chaperones (\$300) must travel with the group.

*The fee is: \$300 per student and \$300 per chaperone and is due on October 1<sup>st</sup> (or you can add this fee to the \$120 due on August 31<sup>st</sup>).* This trip fee includes: entrance into the competition or citywalk, a 2 park hopper ticket, charter bus seat, and a meal card. Sorry, no personal yearly passes are accepted.

Note: This trip is for the Concert Band & Jazz Band members since they are the groups invited to compete/perform.

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