

7th Grade Band Syllabus

Below you will find important information to help create a positive, productive, and successful year for the PMMS Bands. **Please take the time to read this document so that all students and parents can stay informed and accountable for the activities and events in our program.**

COMMUNICATION:

Email: Shannon.light@bvcps.net **preferred method of communication**

Parry McCluer High School Phone: (540) 261-2127 ex. 242

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ParryMcCluerMusic/

- Please note that Ms. Light will not accept social media friend requests on her personal account from students or parents (unless they are BVCPS employees) until the student has graduated high school. This policy is in place to maintain a healthy boundary between teacher and students. Thank you for your understanding.

Google Classroom: Class Code- 8wsl99s

- Visit our google classroom for resources, assignments, and playing quiz information.

Department Website: www.parrymccluermusic.weebly.com

- Visit our website for information to help you practice at home.

MATERIALS:

Students must come to class prepared with all of the following materials:

- Instrument
- Sound Innovations Green Book (provided)
- Folder (provided by school)
- Pencil
- Proper equipment for your instrument (see list below)

Instrument Materials- a list of links to these suggested materials can be found at <https://parrymccluermusic.weebly.com/instrument-supplies.html>

Flute:

Cleaning rod and cloth

Clarinet:

3 reeds in playing condition. Strength 3 recommended for 7th grade.

****please be sure to purchase ONLY Rico or Vandoren reeds**

Cleaning swab

Cork grease

Alto Sax:

3 reeds in playing condition. Strength 3 recommended for 7th grade.

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Cleaning swab

Trumpet/Baritone/Tuba:

Valve Oil

Trombone:

Slide cream

Small spray bottle with water

Percussion:

No materials are needed outside of the school-provided percussion kit

GRADING:

Daily Participation Grade: (30%)

- Students will receive full credit by...
 - Being prepared with the materials listed above
 - Following all school rules and instructions
 - Properly caring for their instrument
 - Students will be given one “freebie” for forgetting their instrument at home. After that, students will receive a 0 for the day if they forget to bring their instrument.

Written Assessments: (10%)

- Students will have written assessments to reinforce music literacy and music theory. These skills can be practiced at home by following the links on the website.

Performance Assessments: (30%)

- Students will have playing quizzes to reinforce the musical concepts covered in class. The music will be selected from the lesson book or concert music.

Concert Attendance: (30%)

- **The band will perform 2 concerts in conjunction with the PMHS Band and Choir!**
 - Winter Concert: Thursday, December 12th at 7pm in the PMHS Gym
 - Spring Concert: Thursday, May 14th at 7pm in the PMHS Gym
- Concert attendance is mandatory. The only excused absences will be illness (with a doctor's note) or a death in the family.
- Students must attend the entire concert and be quiet and respectful during the performance of every ensemble.

7th Grade Band Optional (but highly recommended) Opportunities:

*more information and specific details will be provided as the events get closer

- Come **play in the stands with the Marching Blues** during the home football game on September 27th!
- Audition for **Area Band** at Maury River Middle School on Nov. 6th
 - Area Band event will be held 1/24 and 1/25 at Bath County HS
- Audition for **District Band** at East Rockingham HS on Dec. 7th
 - District band event will be held 1/31 and 2/1 at Harrisonburg HS

EXPECTATIONS

Practicing:

Students are required to **practice for 15 minutes every day** at home... In band this is our homework. This practice time will reinforce what is covered in class and will help the students grow as musicians! If there is a night the student can't practice for 15 minutes, they are expected to practice for 30 minutes the following night.

Concert Dress:

- Blue music department polo (same polo you wore last year). **If your polo is lost or no longer fits, you will need to purchase a new polo for \$12.**
- Black dress pants
 - Jeans, leggings, etc. are NOT permitted
- Black dress shoes (and black socks, if applicable)

If the concert dress is a financial burden, please indicate that on the acknowledgement form and we will find a solution!

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Visit our website (www.parrymccluermusic.weebly.com) for links to the following....

- Download the free “bandmate” app. This app shows students what note they are playing on their instrument. This is particularly helpful for beginning brass players.
- Have your student listen to great musicians on their instrument! A reference list is included on the music department website.
- As students progress throughout the school year, they will benefit from having access to a metronome and tuner.
 - Free metronome app: Pro-metronome
 - Free online metronome: google “free online metronome” there is one built into google.
 - Free tuner app: Tonal Energy Tuner & Metronome
 - Free online tuner: <https://theonlinemetronome.com/free-online-tuner-for-musicians.html>

WHAT SHOULD MY STUDENT PRACTICE?

- Begin all practice sessions with the same warm-up we do in class.
- Review the daily exercises we play in the book. Don't be afraid to look ahead!
- Practice concert music once it has been provided in class.
- Practice scales using the provided scale sheet. Make flashcards and practice 2 different scales each day. The goal is to have the whole scale sheet memorized by the end of 7th grade.

7th Grade Band Syllabus Acknowledgement Form

Student Statement:

I have read the 7th Grade Band Syllabus and understand my expectations and responsibilities. I am excited to be in band!

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Statement:

I have read the 7th Grade Band Syllabus and understand the expectations and time commitments of my student.

_____ Yes, I give permission for the Parry McCluer Music Department to publish a photo and/or video of my student.

_____ No, I do not give permission for the Parry McCluer Music Department to publish a photo and/or video of my student.

_____ My student has internet access at home _____ My student does not have internet access at home

_____ I have included \$12 for a music department polo IF my student is new to band, lost their polo, or needs a different size.

_____ (only if ordering a polo) Shirt size (S,M,L, XL,XXL) these are **adult sizes and typically run big**

Parent/Guardian Information

Additional Parent/Guardian Information (optional)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return to Ms. Light by August 19, 2019