



MMSA BAND PARENT HANDBOOK

Warren Starr will be the MMSA Band Director. He will come to MMSA School one day per week. That day will be known as "Band Day," and will be on Tuesdays.

A "Band Day" will consist of:

A) A half-hour Lesson.

- 1) There will be 2 (plus or minus) students per lesson.
- 2) The "model" is 2 students per lesson. However, depending on instrumentation, current lesson material, a schedule conflict, or enrollment, there could be more than two or only one. Examples: there are three beginner trumpets, there is one beginner flute, an Advanced student is working on an audition, a group of students is working on a quartet, students are in a sectional in preparation for an upcoming concert, field trip shortens the Band Day, enrollment doesn't warrant a second day or a Lesson Teacher.
- 3) If there are more students than Mr. Starr can teach in one day, then he will either come on a second day, or a Lesson Teacher will work with him on the same day in 2nd room.

B) A half-hour Rehearsal

- 1) The "model" is three bands of different ability levels: Advanced, Intermediate, and Beginner. Beginner Band starts after about six lessons, sometime in November. Second-year students are automatically promoted to Intermediate Band. Students must pass the Advanced Band Audition to be promoted to Advanced Band.

C) Schedule Conflicts

- Because of field trips, testing, etc., a Band Day may include only a rehearsal or a lesson.

D) There will be a minimum of 28 Band Days per year.



Concerts:

There will be two concerts per year. For the 2019-20 school year, these dates are:

- **Winter Concert: Tuesday, December 10; 7:00 p.m.**
- **Spring Concert: Tuesday, May 12; 7:00 p.m.**

Tuition:

Payment will be done on the TADS web site.

1st child in Band: \$560/school year.

2nd child in Band: \$520/school year.

3rd child in Band: \$480/school year.

Scholarships

- Scholarship money is available to help with band tuition. Please contact Mrs. Quast.

Important Dates for the 2019-20 School Year

Tuesday, September 10:

- **Mr. Starr will meet with all 4th graders and any 5 – 8 grade students interested in joining band this year.**

Tuesday, September 17:

- **1st day of band for returning band members- BE SURE TO BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS**
- **PARENT MEETING** for parents of beginner band members in grades 4 – 8; **3:15 p.m. in O'Donnell Hall.** Any other parents are welcome, but definitely not required. The band program is explained, and parents sign their child up for an instrument try-out held the following week during school.

Tuesday, September 24

- Second day of band for returning students. Lessons only.
- Instrument Try-out day for beginners. 20-minute slots, one student per slot. Hopefully, a parent will attend.