

Randall Bands' Handbook

Miss Bauer & Mrs. Vanderloop



LESSONS

Each student will receive one 20-30 minute small group lesson per week. If students are assessed during a scheduled lesson, that assessment must be made up by making arrangements with your band director (i.e., recess time, before/ after school, lunch, or by making arrangements to miss another class). **In order to prepare for lessons and band rehearsals, one of our requirements is that instruments and music are required to go home on Fridays and holiday breaks!!

POLICIES

Concert Attendance

Because they are important members of the group and we count on them, they must be at all band events. Being part of a band is like being part of a team. If our football team is missing our quarterback, will we win the game? The band counts on them being there. Everyone must put in 100% all the time in order for us to be successful.

*If your child cannot attend a scheduled performance, we will need a phone call or a written note from a parent/ guardian TWO WEEKS BEFORE the event!

*An excused absence from a performance would include: personal illness or family emergency. Seeing that the dates are provided to families at Open House, we would hope that you would plan with our dates in mind when scheduling family vacations, parties, etc. We want our students to perform at our concert celebrations - these are what they've worked so hard for - please bring family members - the more the merrier!

Grading:

Your musician's grade will reflect their proficiency on different skills and concepts we concentrate on during the quarter. Additionally, we will be reporting on their individual preparedness, time management, and effort they bring to the group. Along with preparedness, time management, and effort, other concepts will be assessed.

In addition to receiving your student's Randall report card, you will be receiving a graph illustrating his/her skill level in the assessed areas for that quarter. In order for your student to excel and demonstrate effort, practice sheets will continue to be part of our band curriculum. This will also be shown on the graph. Preparedness will be demonstrated simply by having his/her instrument, music, and pencil for lessons and daily rehearsals. This is also displayed by attending weekly lessons, completing assessments, and performing at scheduled events.

*Parents access to the SDS Grade book will remain the same for every subject, however, due to our grading procedures in band you will see nothing posted until mid-quarter progress reports. The next time grades will change are at the end of the quarter for report card posting, and so on and so forth for the rest of the school year.

Equipment

Instrument Damage

If an instrument or any other piece of equipment should get damaged during the year, students should see us as soon as possible. We may be able to fix minor repairs. Parents or students should not try to fix their own instruments or play on damaged equipment!! Major damage will have to be fixed by our local music store.

***If the damages are caused by carelessness or horseplay, the cost of the repairs will be the parents' or student's responsibility. This also includes instruments owned by our Band Parents Organization - **PLEASE NOTE:** A \$50.00 repair deposit will be required before any Randall owned instrument is sent in for repair and another one is issued to a student.

*If for some reason, you rent an instrument over the summer months and do not return to Randall School, it is the parent's responsibility to return the instrument to the main office by August 15th so it can be cleaned and serviced for the next school year.

Commitment to the Program

At Randall, band is valued as much as any other class. In order for our bands to be the most successful, we need to be able to count on the membership of our students and the numbers in our performing groups. You have made a commitment to the Randall Band Program for the 2010-2011 academic year! Congratulations - you already have developed a skill and have decided to take advantage of a talent and this year is your chance to take it to the next level!

UNIFORMS

It is important that every band member is in uniform - this is where we make our "first impression" at performances. Elementary Banders, please purchase **BLACK PANTS (ladies may wear skirts to concerts, but will need pants for parades), BLACK SOCKS or TIGHTS, and BLACK SHOES** for your musician. 5th graders will wear their Randall Music shirts that they bought last year and 4th graders will be purchasing Randall Music shirts in December. More details to come.

Junior High Banders: The only two portions of the uniform that you are responsible for are: **BLACK SOCKS AND BLACK SHOES**. You may have either tennis shoes or dress shoes, it is up to you and your child, but they must be **ALL BLACK!**

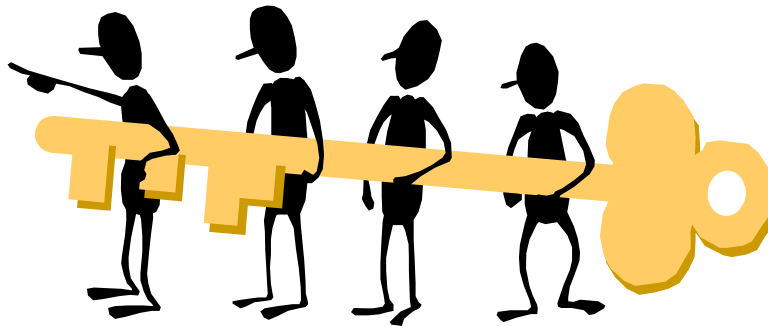
TAKING CARE OF YOUR "TEXT"

Every member of the band will be given a slot in the band room to keep his/her music folder during the year. Students are responsible for keeping track of their own music. **PLEASE NOTE: Randall is "Green!"** In an effort to save paper within the band program, we will be handing out as many original copies of music as possible. If writing is done on music, use PENCIL ONLY! If a student should lose or damage beyond repair a piece of music, he/she will be charged \$1.00. This is the cost to order and ship the replacement part to make the score complete. When instruments go home on Fridays, music folders must go with them too.

RANDALL BAND PARENTS

Each year parents play an extremely important role in helping us provide the best band experience we can for your child. The Band Parents Organization meets one Tuesday night every other month during the course of the school year. Meetings generally last about an hour. We meet in Mrs. Vanderloop's Band Room on the elementary side of the building. Along with a sign-off sheet, we will be sending home a "Parent Volunteer Form." We ask that you fill that out and return it also on **Friday, September 24**. You can sign up for anything that you would be interested in helping out with this year. When the event comes up, a Band Parent or one of the directors may be giving you a call. Thanks in advance for your help and support!

Teamwork
is the key to
success!



This year's meeting dates are:

September 20 (3:30pm)

November 15 (7pm)

January 17 (7pm)

April 17 (3:30pm)

Calendar of Events 2011-2012

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Homecoming Parade	Fri., Oct. 7th	3:30-TBA	Wilmot High School	7/8 Grade Marching Band
Beginning Band Matinee	Thurs., Nov. 3 rd	2:00 PM	Green Gym	4 Grade
Twin Lakes Chamber Trees on Parade	TBA	TBA	Twin Lakes	4 Excel
Winter Concert	Thurs., Dec. 15	6:30PM	Big Gym	5-8 Bands/5-8 Choruses & Excels
Primary Winter Concert	Tues., Dec. 20	6:30PM	Big Gym	K-2 Grades
Wilmot Feeder School Honors Band	Wed., Jan. 18	All day Concert @ 7pm in WHS auditorium	Wilmot High School	7 th and 8 th Grade Band Students (nominated by Miss Bauer)
Winter Concert	Thurs., Jan. 26	6:30PM	Big Gym	3-4 Grades/ 4 Excel/4 Band
Wilmot Feeder Schools Band-O-Rama	Sat., Feb. 11	TBA (evening)	Wilmot HS Fieldhouse	4 th -8 th Grade Bands
Local Solo/Ensemble	Thurs., Feb. 23	4:00-7:00PM	Randall School	5-8 Band Members
District Solo/Ensemble	Sat., March 10	All day	Bristol School	6/7/8 Band & Vocal Students
Beginning Band Recitals	Thurs., March 15	3:45 PM 4:45 PM 5:45 PM	Mrs. Hacker's Room	4 Band Students
Spring Band Concert	Tues., April 24	6:30 PM	Big Gym	4-8 Band & Pep Band
Spring Chorus Concert	Thurs., May 3	6:30 PM	Big Gym	4-8 Choruses & Excels
Band Banquet	TBA	TBA	Green Gym	4-8 Band Students & Families
Memorial Day Parade	Mon., May 28	9:30 AM - 1PM	Randall/Twin Lakes	4-8 Bands
Graduation	TBA	6:00 PM	Randall Large Gym	Wind Ensemble of 6 th & 7 th Graders

**Please post these dates somewhere in your home!
We look forward to seeing you there! ☺**