



6th-8th Grade Band Student Handbook

Hello!

Welcome back to another year of making beautiful music with the Xavier Band! I am so excited for this school year to get started. This handbook is a brief look into what band will look like this year. It is very similar to last year, but I wanted to give you a quick reference guide that covers many common questions. If you still have questions after reading through the handbook, please feel free to call or email me. I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,
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Required Supplies for Band

All students need a band instrument and will pay a music fee for band. If you own your own instrument, the fee is \$20. If you will be renting from the school, the fee is currently \$60 (this fee will likely increase next school year to help cover maintenance costs for school instruments).

All music will be provided by the school along with a folder. Students are required to have a pencil in class daily. Additionally, students will have other items they need in order to keep instruments in playable condition. Items needed are listed below and can be purchased at Tune Shop, 514 Delaware, Leavenworth. If possible, please have all items by Monday, August 20.

Clarinet and Saxophone: A minimum of 3-5 good reeds (replaced throughout the year), cork grease, and a cloth swab to remove moisture from the instrument after playing.

Trumpet and Baritone: Valve oil and slide grease

Trombone: Slide cream. A mini spray bottle (from the travel section at Wal-Mart) is also recommended as it does help the slide to move more freely, but it is not required.

Percussion: A good pair of concert snare drum sticks (please do not buy marching band drum sticks)

Concerts

The Band has five scheduled performances that are required as part of the grade for this class. Please mark these dates on your calendar!

Thursday, November 15	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Pep Band for Girls Basketball Riverfront Community Center
Wednesday, December 5	6:45-7:45 p.m.	Christmas Concert St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church (K-4 Music program will be 6:00-6:45 p.m.)
Monday, February 11	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Pep Band for Boys Basketball Riverfront Community Center
Wednesday, April 24	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	League Band Festival Valley Falls High School
Thursday, May 9	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Spring Choir and Band Concert Xavier Gym

Concert Expectations

Students will need to arrive a minimum of 15 minutes before the start of the concert to get their instrument ready and take a seat.

For the formal concerts (Christmas and Spring), students will be required to dress nicely (slacks/skirts and dress shirt/blouse or dress). Please note skirts and dresses must be knee length or longer (or leggings can be worn underneath).

For the basketball games, students can wear a Xavier T-shirt and shorts/jeans/etc.

For League Band, students will wear school uniforms with green polos.

Grading Policy

Students will be given a grade in band following the grading scale set by Xavier Catholic School. Points will be assigned in the following ways:

Participation: Daily = 20 points (10 for instrument, 5 for music, 5 for pencil)
 Concert = 100 points each

Playing Tests: As assigned = 50 points each

Written Assignments: As assigned = various point values

Extra Credit: Many opportunities each quarter

Points will be deducted for not bringing required materials to class, being disruptive in class, not completing assigned written work/playing tests or not attending a required concert.

Band Enrollment

Please sign the form on the next page to confirm you have read the band handbook and want your child to enroll in band class. This page is the first grade for your student in band, worth 50 points!

Band will meet daily from 11:30 a.m.-12:05 p.m. Once enrolled, students will remain enrolled for the entire school year. During the year, if any concerns arise about participation, please contact me by phone or email.

Code of Conduct

It is imperative that band students understand they not only represent themselves, but the entire Xavier School at all times. Students will be expected to conduct themselves with the highest levels of respect at all times, both as leaders in the school and outside of school.

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Please return this page to Mrs. Sladky by Monday, August 20, 2018

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Instrument _____

_____ We are enrolling our student in band and have our own instrument
\$20 band fee required

_____ We are enrolling our student in band and would like to rent an
instrument from the school
\$60 band fee required

Please sign that you have read the handbook and understand the expectations:

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____