



Welcome to the WCSD Performing Arts Program

This course is offered through WCSD, identified as one of the Best Communities for Music Education. Our Performing Arts programs offer over 90 ensembles and more than 100 performances annually district wide. In addition, we provide an ongoing musical learning experience on a daily basis for all students. Through our music program, our students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement courses and to achieve an Advanced Regents Diploma. Our students are guided by talented teachers with years of experience, directing and performing, in the district as well as privately and at local colleges and universities. We align our work to the NYSED Standards for the Arts to provide opportunities for students to pursue their passion through creativity and rigor.



WJHS BAND 8 – 2019-2020

RETURN to Mrs. Daniels by September 9th

I have read and understand the 8th Grade Band Class **SYLLABUS** and marked down **ALL** important concert dates on my Calendar.

Print Parent Name _____ Student Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Student Signature _____

Several times throughout the year I like to send out notifications regarding upcoming concerts/events and share any forms handed out in class. Please sign up for REMIND (Instructions attached) or provide email below.

Parent email address: _____ (please print clearly)

Welcome to



8th GRADE
Wappingers Junior High School

BAND

{Class Syllabus 2019-2020}

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Areas of Study Include:

- Instrument performance technique
- Music symbols
- Band literature from various historical periods and cultures
- Musicality in performance
- Rehearsal techniques
- Performance and audience etiquette
- Careers



NYS Learning Standards for the Arts

Creating: Conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work.

Performing: Realizing artistic ideas and work through interpretation and presentation.

Responding: Understanding and evaluating how arts convey meaning.

Connecting: Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.

For detailed NYS Learning Standards for the Arts, visit: nyartsstandards.org

Lessons and Practice

Individual Instrument lessons will be given once in a 6-day cycle. Lesson schedules will be given out at the beginning of each semester. For lessons, make sure you:

1. Notify your classroom teacher of your scheduled lesson. If you have a major test or a special lab, you may be excused from lessons provided you notify Mrs. Daniels prior to the lesson. Many times, quizzes and labs can be taken at an alternate time.
2. Come prepared - practice assigned lesson, positive attitude, ready to play.
3. Come organized with your instrument, pencil, folder with lesson book and music.
4. If you miss a lesson, **you are responsible for all material missed.** Please be sure to get your assignment from another student or ask Mrs. Daniels. **Failure to attend a lesson will result in a grade of a zero for that lesson, unless excused.**

If you have more than one missed lesson in a quarter you will receive a make-up assignment to be completed through the Band 8 Google Classroom.

If you miss a lesson because you are absent from school you will **not** be penalized for missing the lesson.

Supplies:

Instrument in good working order

Sharpened Pencils

Lesson Book:

Accent on Achievement Book 2

Breeze Easy 2

Name Tag on Instrument Case

Folder will be provided

WOODWINDS: (where applicable)

Vandoren Reeds OR Rico Royal Reeds

Cork grease

Silk or cotton cleaning swab (no felt cloths)

Cleaning Rod (Flute)

Polishing Cloth

BRASS: (where applicable)

Valve Oil

Rotor Oil (French Horn)

Slide Grease

Polishing Cloth

BAND REHEARSALS

The great part about learning an instrument is coming together with everyone else in a large ensemble setting.

Learning an instrument can be challenging and requires hard work, dedication and most importantly

PRACTICE!

Be considerate of your classmates and arrive to rehearsal:

1. on time
2. prepared - having practiced your band music!
3. organized with instrument, folder with music and a pencil
4. with a positive attitude.

Every student must be in the room when the bell rings and ready to play on stage three minutes after the bell.

INSTRUMENT STORAGE

On Band and Lesson Days, Instruments may be placed in the instrument storage rooms next to the stage. Instruments must go **HOME** at the end of the day. This area is **NOT** a secure area outside of the school day.

**NO
CELL PHONES
DURING BAND
REHEARSALS**



ASSESSMENT

Student evaluation is reflected in the music grade, a composite of a student's participation and achievement in assignments and assessments. The grade may be derived from objective and subjective teacher evaluations and observations, including the student's demonstration of criteria-based skills and techniques in performance and homework assignments.

Attendance at Concerts is **MANDATORY**. Remember, each member of this ensemble is important. Everyone needs to contribute 100% for a successful experience. The Winter Concert is considered a mid-term exam and the Spring Concert is considered a final exam. If either concert is missed for whatever reason, a make-up assignment must be done.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, September 9, 2019 – return signed Class Syllabus form to Mrs. Daniels

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 - Bring in Instruments with name label on case and Supplies

Monday, September 16, 2019 - Lessons begin – Bring **all** supplies, including lesson book

Thursday, September 19, 2019- Parents as Partners 7:00pm (parents only)

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 – Jazz Band Auditions – after-school

Monday, December 16, 2019 - 7:00pm - Eighth Grade Winter Concert @ WJHS (snow date 1/15/20)

January 24 & 25, 2020 – DCMEA All-County Music Festival – John Jay H.S. (Applications due in October)

March 20 & 21, 2020 – WJHS Drama Spring MUSICAL – 7:00pm (Auditions in December)

March 27, 2020 – STEAM it UP Bistro Night @WJHS – 6:00pm

May 8 & 9, 2020 – NYSSMA Solo Music Festival – John Jay High School – Hopewell Junction, NY

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - 7:00pm - Spring North Pyramid 1 Concert @ RCK

May 16, 2020 – Festival of the Arts – Mesier Park

May 28, 2020 – Night of JAZZ @WJHS – 6:00pm

June 18, 2020 – 8th Grade Moving Up Day Ceremony

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT DUE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

Google Classroom **Sign-up for the Band 8 Google Classroom**

Instructions

- 1. Using your smartphone, tablet or computer, make sure you log out of ALL of your google accounts.**
- 2. Login to your WCSJ Google Account.**
- 3. Go to Google Classroom. (classroom.google.com)**
- 4. In the top right corner select the + sign.**
- 5. Choose 'join class'.**
- 6. When prompted put in the following code: 13yt2mm (this is case sensitive).**

