

Les Bois Junior High Band 2019-2020

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This little packet contains some VERY important information for you and your parents to carefully read and thoroughly understand. Please ask Mrs. Flory if you have any questions on ANY of the information provided.



GRADING

By joining band, you become a member of a fully organized and operating team. If just one person is missing, the whole team suffers. Therefore, participation, practice, and performance grades will be incredibly important to your success in this class. The following scale is a reflection of the letter grade earned based on a 5 point scale.

5	100%
4	90%
3	80%
2	70%
1	60%
0	50% or less

GRADES – based on four elements

Rehearsal Skills – 10%

- Students receive 5 points per week for good participation and showing quality rehearsal skills.
- Points are earned when students do their best. They are expected to bring their instrument, music, and materials to every class. Points will be deducted for the following:
 - o Forgotten instrument (per day) -2
 - o Forgotten music (per day) -1
 - o Forgotten pencil, talking, playing, etc. (per day) -1
 - o Not playing and participating to their best ability) TBD

Written Work & Written Quizzes– 20%

- Completed class assignments are expected to be turned in on time.
- Work will be graded as either completion or for correctness.
- In class assignments and homework should be completed so that the student and teacher is able to evaluate the level of understanding per concept.
- Written quizzes will be over music theory.

Performances – 30%

- ALL performances are **mandatory**
- To be early is to be on time - To be on time is to be late - To be late is to be forgotten
 - o Be on time for each performance you are required to be at, IN PROPER ATTIRE

- o Tardiness to performances will be handled on a case-by-case basis and will reflect in make up work for missed time.
- If financial assistance is needed to acquire performance outfit please let Mrs. Flory know. We can make something work out.
- **All points are lost if absent for any reason.** Absences must be discussed with Mrs. Flory and make up assignments will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.
- You must notify Mrs. Flory two weeks in advance if you can not make a performance.
- Mrs. Flory does not accept last minute excuses for being absent from a performance (like sports, birthdays, doctor appointments, driver's ed, etc.) Band is a commitment.
- If students become ill or a family emergency arises then an email from the parents or a signed note must be given to Mrs. Flory. You can also call her office and leave a message (208-854-5407). **Only then** can the student make up the missed performance.
- **There are very few reasons to miss a Performance Grade event and all missed performances must be discussed with Mrs. Flory.**

Playing Tests – 40%

- Although Mrs. Flory does not do practice logs, all students are expected to practice for 30 minutes daily. Their grade will reflect the effort they put into their instrument at home.
- Tests will be done on assigned material including concert music, scales, excerpts, and fundamental exercises. They may be performed one-on-one, in small groups, or in front of the class.
- There will be a playing test every week with the exception of the week of a performance.

The Final Exam will represent 10% of the semester grade



CLASS EXPECTATIONS & GUIDELINES

- To be early is to be on time - To be on time is to be late - To be late is to be forgotten
 - o Be in the classroom at the start of class (or you're tardy)
- Be ready to play three minutes after class starts (or you're tardy)
- Every day, you need to have: your instrument, your music, a pencil
- Come to class with an attentive, cooperative, and positive attitude
- Pencils should be sharpened **before class starts**.
- No food or drink in the room, including gum
- Only handle your own instrument. Move carefully around the Band Room.
- Take care of your instrument
- All instruments should be put in their cases at the end of class and put away in their appropriate cubbies or the student's lockers (if applicable).
- Class is run through **respect**. Showing respect to your classmates is not talking while they are sharing with the class. It is being prepared to contribute to the ensemble. Showing respect to Mrs. Flory is giving attention and not talking while rehearsing and not playing while instructions are being given. I show you respect by keeping a professional manner.
- If disrespect is shown then that student will be asked to move, possibly into a practice room or the hallway. Future occurrences will involve parental notice and the vice-principal.



REQUIRED MATERIALS

Concert Attire

GIRLS -long or calf length black skirt (NO MINIS)

- black dress slacks may be worn
- white blouse, long or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves only
- black dress shoes, black socks (if applicable)

BOYS -black dress slacks, black belt

- white dress shirt, long sleeves
- black dress shoes, black socks (longer than ankle length)

Instruments

An instrument in good working condition is required for band. If there is an issue with an instrument, please have the student show it to me during the school day. If it needs to be repaired, please bring it to one of the local music stores listed below. It is important that the instrument be repaired in a timely manner so that it does not interfere with the student's ability to fully participate in class, rehearsals, and performances.

Local Music Stores:

Dunkley Music, Dorsey Music, Welch Music, etc.

Instrument Accessories and Supplies

Please refer to the attached list for individual instrument requirements and supplies. Please do not let the cost of these materials get in the way of being in band.

** Please let Mrs. Flory know if you need help with the cost of any of these items. We'll always find a way to make it happen.*



SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR OF MUSIC EVENTS

- The 2019-2020 Band Calendar will be released by the end of the first week of school. Many events can be found on the Les Bois Calendar already. Although Mrs. Flory works to have the calendar set in the beginning of the school year changes may be made throughout the school year. Mrs. Flory will work to communicate with you in a timely fashion if changes are made.
- Please **make sure ALL dates are scheduled in your family calendar**. These dates are set up in advance so family vacations and other activities can be planned around them, **including driver's education**. The only excused reasons for missing concerts are family emergencies, extreme illness, and vacations that were planned before September of this year. **Concerts are that important. Please plan ahead!**



ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Junior High Honor Orchestra** - This is a full symphony orchestra made up of the most accomplished junior high music students from the Boise district. Membership is achieved by audition. This ensemble meets weekly throughout the school year.
- **Boise Intermediate Honor Band** - Like the Junior High Honor Orchestra, this ensemble is made up of accomplished junior high music students from the Boise district. Membership is achieved by audition. This ensemble meets weekly throughout the school year.
- **Idaho All-State Honor Band - 9th Grade Only** - This ensemble consists of the best 9th-12th grade band students in the state of Idaho. Students from all over the state submit recordings of themselves playing the selected audition materials. These recordings are judged by professional musicians who rank the individuals by instrument and invite the students to participate in the 140 member band. This ensemble meets for a few days once a year. This year they will meet January 29 through February 1, 2020 in Nampa, ID. The goal this year is to provide the students who make this ensemble with housing and transportation to the clinic/rehearsals through the Les Bois Bands Fundraising account.

To the Parents of Les Bois Junior High Band Students

Welcome to the Les Bois Junior High band program. Band is available for students who have completed their sixth grade band class or intermediate band here at Les Bois, or who have studied privately and have become proficient on their instrument. Since this class is an elective, your students are here by choice. Because of this, the band room will be filled with joy and enthusiasm for music.

The goal of Junior High instrumental ensemble classes is to provide a satisfying and rewarding musical experience for students committed to learning to play a musical instrument, and to give them an opportunity to perform. It is the music educator's mission to help students find their musical voice by affirming their present abilities, encouraging progress in their proficiency on their instruments, improving their musicianship, and equipping them with the necessary skills for continued musical growth. Being a member of an ensemble helps students develop a sense of responsibility and self-discipline while also instilling a sense of pride and accomplishment.

You can help your child to be successful in band by:

- Attend Les Bois Junior High band concerts and other community concerts
- Encourage your son or daughter to find and keep a regular practice time at home.
- Be positive and encouraging.
- Supply the necessary instrument and accessories. Encourage responsibility to keep the instrument in good repair.
- Provide private lessons if possible. A list of teachers is available from Mrs. Flory

Please read through this Band Contract carefully. It contains important information about class policies and grading. Take the time to write the concert dates into your home calendar when you get the year's calendar.

After you have read this packet, sign and return the attached contract.

Only return the last page; keep the rest for your personal records.

Information will also be added to the band website throughout the year.

Band Member Contract

I have read and understand all parts of this Band Contract and understand how it applies to me as a band student. I will do my best to grow as a musician, show respect to myself, my peers, my teachers, and the equipment, and be honest and responsible in everything I do. I accept the consequences if I choose to break this commitment.

I understand Mrs. Flory's expectations. I realize that I am responsible for myself. I will actively participate in class and attend all concerts and out of class rehearsals unless I have made other arrangements with Mrs. Flory at least two weeks in advance. I will also complete all assignments, makeup work, and tests. I agree to do my best to follow the expectations outlined in this packet and will accept the consequences if I choose otherwise.

Student's Name (please print) _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

I have read and discussed the requirements of Les Bois Junior High's band program with the student. I have made/will make note of all required performances/rehearsals and other activities as shown in the Band 2019-2020 Calendar.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Please see the reverse side for parental involvement opportunities.

Return this page to Mrs. Flory

DUE Friday- August 30, 2019

Parental Involvement

Getting your child to and attending the concerts is the most important assistance you can give.

If you can give more, please look at the following suggestions and see if they can fit into your schedule. Please put a check below where you can be involved, and I will contact you as soon as necessary. Please feel free to contact me via email or phone if you have any questions or concerns. I believe very strongly that success can only be achieved by the teamwork of the teacher, the student, and the parent(s). Thank you in advance for all that you do!!

- ☺ Help with student supervision during rehearsals & the performance.
- ☺ Help with copying
- ☺ I would like to video record the concert(s). It is nice if we can view the concert the next few days after a concert.
- ☺ I can drive band students who live in my neighborhood to & from performances
 - My neighborhood is _____
- ☺ I would like to chaperone out-of-school activities and field trips.
- ☺ I would like to help with fundraising events for the band program.

Other ways you can assist your student, Mrs. Flory, or Les Bois Junior High Bands:

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