

# Welcome to Concert Band!

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Dear Outstanding Musician,

I am SO excited that you will be in Concert Band this year! Last school year, Concert Band achieved new milestones that no other Concert Band in CRMS Band History had ever achieved! Here are some of the AMAZING things that last year's Concert Band accomplished...

- \* Each student received a Superior Rating at Solo and Ensemble Contest
- \* Earned a Sweepstakes Rating (all superior ratings) at the UIL Concert & Sightreading Contest
- \* Fantastic performances at the Fall, Winter, and Spring CRMS concerts
- \* Superior Rating at the DC Festivals Contest in San Antonio, TX
- \* World Premiere of 2 music compositions from Concert Band students!

These are just a few of the many accomplishments of last year's CB. I wanted to tell you about these so that you can be **proud** of the ensemble you are a part of. Also, I hope that you will rise to the challenge set before you - to become an even **stronger** concert band than last year!

I, as your teacher, promise to hold you to the highest of standards, and I also promise to always give you my personal best every single rehearsal. I would like for you to take a moment to read the following statement and respond below.

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## STUDENT ACCEPTANCE OF GREAT POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY

Today is my first day as a *successful* and *contributing* member of a 2011-2012 7th and 8th grade ensemble. As an experienced band student, I understand that there are **high expectations** for both my musicianship and my behavior. I am excited for the challenge of becoming an incredible 7th/8th grade band member, and I look forward to positively contributing in every rehearsal through diligent individual preparation and consistent rehearsal etiquette. I understand that even though I am only one person, I play an important role and have a significant impact on the success of the entire ensemble.

If you believe the statement above, please respond by both printing and signing your name below. Then, place this letter in the front of your band binder to remind yourself of the great power and responsibility you hold everyday.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Autograph: \_\_\_\_\_

## Supply List

1. BLACK 1-inch band binder
2. Package of sheet protectors (around 20)
3. Pencil Pouch and an ENDLESS supply of sharpened, no.2 pencils
4. Highlighter (your favorite color)
5. Music stand (for home practice)
6. Korg TM-40 tuner/metronome combo
7. Korg CM-100L Contact Microphone (tuner pick-up)
8. Cleaning supplies for your instrument
9. Brass: valve oil (Al Cass is the recommended brand)
10. Sax/Clarinet: 4 good working Vandoren reeds at all times stored in a reed guard.
11. Bassoon/Oboe: 3 good working reeds at all times stored in a reed case and a water container.
12. Ability to record yourself for recording assignments (CD, flash drive, etc.)
13. OPTIONAL: 1 ream of colored paper



**\*\*\*You should be prepared with these supplies EVERY DAY in class\*\*\***

**I will check for these supplies on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 2011!!**

## Concert Attire

**Your concert attire is needed by October.**

**Ladies:** Black band dress (see handout), black closed-toe flat shoes (like ballet flats).

**Gentlemen:** Solid white button down dress shirt, black tie, black dress pants, black belt, black socks, and black dress shoes.

## Reminders

**Grades:** Your academic grades will now affect your participation in extracurricular activities. The rule is “No Pass, No Play.” To participate you must make a 70 or higher in ALL classes on report cards.

**Sectional Times:** You are required to attend one hour of additional instruction per week. We will try to accommodate scheduling conflicts with school related activities when possible.

**Practice Sheets:** We are requiring 7th and 8th graders to keep a record of the time spent each day practicing again. Students are required to practice at least 180 minutes every week. Weekly goals will be given for each practice sheet. Practice sheets are due every Friday, and they must have a valid parent signature. **If you are ever in need of a practice sheet, go to [crmsband.com](http://crmsband.com), and print a new one!**