

Welcome to Honor Band!

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Dear Honor Band Members,

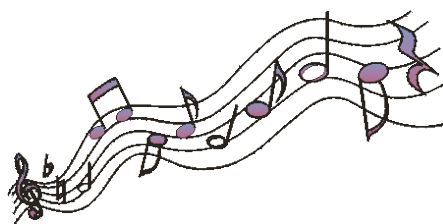
I cannot believe how fast the summer break has flown by! I hope your summer was fun-filled and relaxing. I spent most of the summer traveling, including some time spent in Costa Rica watching a volcano erupt! We are embarking on our 6th year at CRMS, and the strongest one yet for the band program. In the history of the Canyon Ridge Band it has never been so difficult to make the top ensemble and I want to congratulate you on making it! You have proven yourself to be a hard worker and talented musician. I am very excited about the ability of our individual players as well as the potential of the group. I have many challenges in mind for us this year and can't wait to get started!

For the 7th graders, I want you to understand how much more exciting this experience will be from your beginning year. You are one of only 20 in our group. You will be challenged on an individual playing level because you are now in a class with only a few instruments like your own. You have accomplished an advanced level of musicianship early in your playing career and must sustain your dedication to your instrument to achieve your ultimate potential for this school year. You will have to be willing to be more independent thinkers and learners than in your first year. It may be a little overwhelming at first, but remember that you were placed in this performing group because of your abilities and I know you will rise to the challenge.

For 8th graders, I look forward for you to be the leaders in your sections and for the band. Your skills as a player, experience, and maturity will ensure success for you to set a standard of excellence that the rest of the band will follow. You all did an exceptional job last year and I am very happy to have you as a member of the Honor Band. Your leadership is a key element for the success of the Canyon Ridge Middle School Eagle Band.

The expectation of great things to happen for the Honor Band is set very high from the achievements of the CRMS bands before us. Progress is an essential element for growth and learning to take place in every meeting. I cannot wait to hear what we sound like (please tell me you practiced a little over the summer). I look forward to a wonderful and challenging year with you!

Ms. Allison



Supply List

1. Band Book 1: Foundations for Superior Performance by Williams/King
2. Band Book 2: Essential Musicianship For Band: Intermediate Ensemble Concepts by Green/Benzer
3. Black 3 ring binder, preferably 1 inch
4. Package of sheet protectors (around 20)
5. Pencil pouch and an endless supply of pencils
6. Highlighters (blue, green, yellow, orange, and pink)
7. Music stand (for home practice)
8. Metronome (for home practice)
9. Chromatic tuner (Seiko or Korg) in class every day (you can get a combo metronome and tuner)
10. Pick up for tuner
11. Reeds: Sax/Clarinet: 4 good working Vandoren reeds at all times. Bassoon/Oboe: 3 good reeds.
12. High quality cassette tape or CD for test tapes, or the ability to send sound files to me through email
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 14.

Concert Dress Clothes

Your concert dress clothes are needed by October:

Girls: White band dress shirt (instructions on ordering online will come soon), black slacks/dress pants, black belt, black hose or socks, and black dress shoes

Guys: Solid white band dress shirt (instructions on ordering online will come soon), black tie, black dress pants, black belt, black socks, black dress shoes

The formal shirt is a different shirt than last year's formal shirt. We have found more affordable shirts that should fit better this year. An informal band shirt will also be needed. Order forms will be available soon.

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.

Sectionals/Hearing Times: You are required to attend one hour of additional instruction per week plus a seven-minute hearing time. The instructors 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 (7th graders are already used to this type of practice sheet). You will be 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 must have a parent signature. **If you are ever without a practice sheet, go to the band website, crmsband.com, and print out a new one.**