

Welcome to Honor Band!

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Dear Honor Band Members,

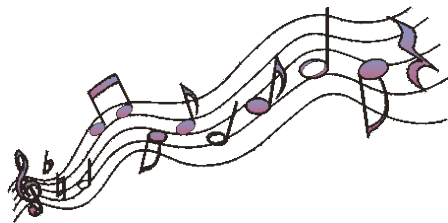
I cannot believe how fast the summer break has flown by! I hope your summer was fun-filled and relaxing. I spent most of the summer traveling and visiting family and am very ready to be back with you! We are embarking on our 8th year at CRMS. Let me start by congratulating you on making the top ensemble in Canyon Ridge! 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 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. Individual growth is an essential element for progress 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. Black 1-inch band binder
2. Package of sheet protectors (around 20)
3. Pencil pouch and an endless supply of pencils
4. Highlighter (any 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 (both inside and out)
9. Brass: valve oil (the recommend brand is Al Cass)
10. Reeds: Sax/Clarinet: 4 good working Vandoren reeds at all times stored in a reed guard.
Bassoon/Oboe: 3 good reeds at all times stored in a reed case and a water container.
11. The ability to record yourself for recording assignments (CD, flash drive, tape, etc.)
12. **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 12.

Concert Dress Clothes

Your concert dress clothes are needed by October:

Girls: Black band dress (please see the handout about this dress), black closed-toe flat shoes (such as a ballet flat)

Guys: Solid white button down dress shirt, black tie, black dress pants, black belt, black socks, 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. The instructors will try to accommodate scheduling conflicts with school related activities when possible. The sectional time will remain the same through out most of the fall semester and will possibly change when athletics changes.

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 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.**