

Welcome to the Symphonic Band

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Dear Symphonic Band Members,

First, I would like to welcome you all back from what I hope was both a fun and relaxing summer break! I am so excited to be directing you all in the Symphonic Band this year and I am so grateful to have you all in this fantastic ensemble! We have planned many exciting things that will be unique opportunities available only to you, the students of the Symphonic Band, but we will also be working very hard throughout the year to build a truly great ensemble that we can all be proud of.

Many of you are 7th graders, so I want you to understand how different this experience will be from your beginning year. You are now in a class with only a few instruments like your own (or all by yourself!), so you will have to be more independent thinkers and learners. This may be overwhelming at first, but I have no doubt that—with your abilities—you will all be able to adapt and excel as individual players and as an ensemble. 8th Graders, you are the new leaders of this band, lead by example and let's pick up where we left off at the end of last year!

I will also be looking to see which of you emerge to undertake the leadership of your sections and the band. Your skills as a player, your experience, and maturity will help you become a role model for others to follow. From all of you, I am expecting great things, and together we will set the standard high.

I cannot wait to hear what we sound like (You have all been practicing diligently for six hours a day this summer, right?). I am looking forward to what promises to be a truly great and historical year for the CRMS Symphonic Band!

Mr. Matschek

Supply List

1. Band Book Essential Musicianship for Band (Intermediate Ensemble Concepts) by Eddie Green, John Benzer, David Bertmen, and Evelio Villarreal
 2. Band Book Foundations for Superior Performance (Warm –Ups & Technique for Band) by Richard Williams and Jeff King
 3. Black 3 ring binder, preferably 1”
 4. Package of sheet protectors (approximately 20)
 5. Pencil Pouch and Mechanical Pencils
 6. Music Stand (for home practice; foldable is OK)
 7. Metronome (for home practice)
 8. Reeds: Clarinet/Sax/Oboe/Bassoon must have 3 good reeds at all times
 9. Chromatic Tuner (Seiko or Korg) and “pick up”
 10. High quality cassette tape or CD for recording tests
- OPTIONAL: 1 ream of white paper

You should be prepared with each of these supplies every day in class. I will check for supplies on Monday, September 13.

Concert Dress Clothes

Your concert dress clothes are needed by October.

Girls: Solid white button down dress shirt with $\frac{3}{4}$ or full sleeves, black slacks/dress pants, black belt, black hose or socks (if needed), and black dress shoes

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.

Sectionals/Hearing Times: You are required to attend one hour of additional instruction per week plus a seven-minute hearing time. Hearing times will rotate between the seven-minute slot you sign up for or a recording you make at home and turn in. The instructors will try to accommodate scheduling conflicts with school related activities when possible. The hearing time will remain the same through out the the fall semester and will possibly change in the spring semester.

Practice Sheets: We are requiring 7th and 8th graders to keep a record of the time spent each day practicing again. 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.**