



**OAK GROVE
BANDS**

Middle School Handbook 7th & 8th Grade 2022-2023

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Assistant Director, Brass – Daniel Johnson
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Dear Oak Grove Band Family,

Every student and parent of the Oak Grove Band program is responsible for reading this handbook and knowing the information found within. It is also available virtually. You can find this handbook on our website at www.oakgrovebands.org and their class's Google Classroom.

<http://www.oakgrovebands.org>

Additionally, on your child's Google Classroom there will be a Google Form to fill out that will register your email for our band database, CHARMS. **This must be submitted online no later than Friday, August 12th, 2022.** Please take the time to complete this with your (the parent/guardian's) email.

Thank you so much for your attention to all of this very important information. We suggest keeping it on file with you in a safe place for future reference. As a staff, we strive to keep you updated and informed on what is coming up in your child's band experience and will notify you via Google Classroom, Remind 101, School Status, and email regularly.

Please feel free to contact any of the directors throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns. We do ask that you direct your emails to the band director that is over your child's specific instrument class.

**Because we are split between two campuses, email is the best form of communication. Emails are checked multiple times a day and will be responded to by the next school day. Thanks!!*

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HERE'S TO A CHALLENGING AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR WITH THE OAK GROVE BANDS!!

Musically yours,

The OG Band Guys

Google Classroom

Below are the Google Classroom codes for each band class. Please use the codes to sign up for your class that you are in. All information and assignments will be posted in these Google Classrooms. It is crucial that every student is signed up so the band can function properly inside and outside of the classroom.

7th Grade Google Classroom Codes

Woodwinds- vtev2ll

Brass- daf2qn

Percussion- 2cmjcrv

8th Grade Google Classroom Codes

Woodwinds- kvf2igz

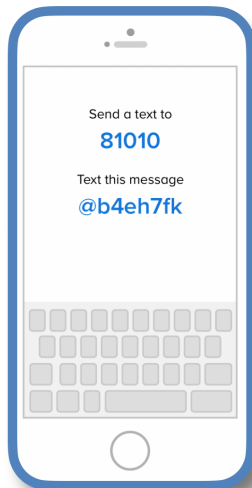
Brass- 4rbprro

Percussion- 2ndytwr

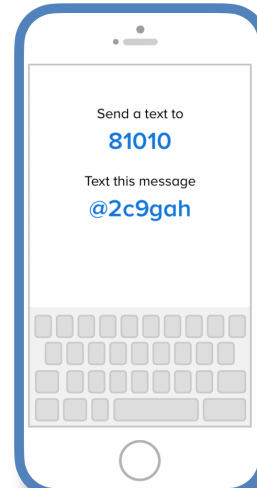
Remind 101 Channels

Below are the Remind 101 Codes for each grade. This is how we will send large-group communications and important information out to parents. With communication being such an important component of our program, every family must be signed up for their appropriate Remind 101 Channel.

7th Grade Band



8th Grade Band



Band Hall Rules for Appropriate Behavior

Each student and parent/guardian should familiarize themselves with the following to avoid any possible misunderstandings.

- Each student is expected to adhere to all OGMS and LCSD policies as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook.
- Students are expected to embody the phrase “respectful, responsible, and ready to learn”.
- Students will abide by each director's specified expectations when entering the room. The band hall is a special place all students must respect when band class is taking place.

Band Class Procedures

- Enter the rehearsal hall in a quiet, courteous, and orderly fashion
- Students must be seated with instruments assembled and proper class materials evident on minute following the tardy bell. Students will check the board for the day's class agenda and arrange materials as indicated
- Students will not play instruments without permission
- The band director will dismiss the students from class

Consequences

For students displaying inappropriate behaviors:

1. Receive a verbal warning
2. Student-teacher conference
3. Parent contact via School Status or short form to administration
4. Long form to administration
5. Can be removed from the band program if necessary

Grading Policy

Performances

All Students are expected to attend all performances that are marked on the calendar as “Required Events.” Each Performance is considered a major test grade, like a group project. See the OGMS Band Calendar included in this handbook for specific dates and times. More details will be sent home prior to each event.

Mastery Assessments

Mastery Assessments will be conducted each Nine Weeks. These skills-based assessments are a major test grade but also act as a “Check Point” for student progress. Students must demonstrate each of the Mastery Assessment skills at grade level achievement by the end of the school year to enroll in band the following year. Students will be given opportunities each 9 weeks to make up or “pass off” any previous 9-week’s skills not achieved.

Major Tests & Daily Grades

Additionally students will be given smaller daily or weekly assignments that will count as daily or major grades depending on the assignment. These will be communicated regularly by your child’s specific director.

Supplies Needed for Band

In order to ensure the best chances of success in band class, all students are required to have the following everyday:

- Have a quality instrument in playing condition every day.
- Have the provided band binder and sheet protectors with all materials
- Pencil
- Name-tag on your instrument case
- Tradition of Excellence, Book 1 (Red) *for YOUR instrument*
- There are additional materials that may be required based on your child’s instrument (i.e: reeds, valve oil, etc). Please see the separate provided sheet with the information specific to your child’s instrument.

Band Fee

Due Friday, August 12th, 2022

There is a \$35.00 band fee, which will cover the cost of a band shirt, as well as material for instruction and day-to-day operations. **CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED PER SCHOOL POLICY!** Payments must be made by cash or money order **ONLY!** When bringing payments to class, placed in a sealed envelope with the following written on the front: STUDENT NAME, GRADE, INSTRUMENT, and "BAND FEE".

Drug Testing Form

Due Friday, August 12th, 2022

Every student participating in an interscholastic activity is required to fill out and submit an LCSD Drug Testing Form, which is included in this handbook (the last page). Parents and students are to fill out this form and submit it to their band director on or before Friday, August 12th, 2022.

Student Information Form

Due Friday, August 12th, 2022

- Go to your child's Google Classroom or use the link below.
- Find the assignment labeled "Student Information Form (22-23)".
- Fill out the form top to bottom with all correct information.
- Submit once every field is filled out.
- This information allows us to input everything into our band database, CHARMS.
- You will receive emails and updates from the band directors.

Completion of the "Student Information Google Form" indicates that parents and students have **read and understand all information** contained in the 2022-2023 OGMS Band Handbook and **are accepting the rules and expectations** of the organization. This will act as an **electronic signature** of the legal guardian for the Oak Grove Band student.

OGMS BANDS STUDENT INFORMATION FORM LINK:

<https://forms.gle/rkQDrsRxrStVRcTe9>



**Thank you for all that you do as parents.
This is going to be a fantastic year!!**

2022-2023 Calendar of Events

Required Performances are in Bold

- Thurs., Aug. 11th @ 6:00.....Band Parent Meeting (@OGMS Band Hall)**
- Friday, Aug. 12th.....Forms & Fees Due**
(Student Information Google Form, Drug Testing Form, & \$35 Band Fee)
- Thursday, Aug. 18th @ 5:00.....Meet the Warriors (@OGMS Football Stadium)**
8th Grade Only
- Tuesday, Sep. 13th @ 5:00.....Football Game (@OGMS Band Hall)**
8th Grade Only
- Thursday, Sep. 15th.....Mass Band Night (@OGHS Football Stadium)**
Pending Admin Approval
- Monday, Nov. 14th.....SEMBDA Audition Forms and Fees Due**
- Monday, Dec. 5th.....Oak Grove Bands Winter Concert (@OGHS Auditorium)**
- Tuesday, Jan. 10th.....SEMBDA Auditions (@Jones College)**
- January 27th & 28th (Friday & Saturday)SEMBDA Clinic (@Jones College)**
- April (TBA).....South Mississippi Band Festival @ PRCC (during school hours)**
- April (TBA).....Oak Grove Bands Spring Concert (@OGHS Auditorium)**

Stay tuned for announcements with updates and additional deadlines/events. You can find announcements in **flyers & newsletters that are sent home with students, **Google Classroom**, and **School Status Messages**. DETAILED INFO WILL BE SENT HOME PRIOR TO EACH EVENT.*

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