
COOPERSVILLE BRONCO 8TH GRADE BAND



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COMMUNICATION

- **Band Website:** www.coopersvillebands.org
 - Any information passed out in class will be uploaded here.
 - **Subscribe** to get more detailed information sent directly to your inbox
- **Weekly Newsletters** - Should have received the first one last Friday!
- **Email is the best way to contact us** since we teach in 3 different buildings.
 - We try to respond within 24 hours during the school week (Mon. - Friday) but with 456 students in the band program it may be a little longer.

PROCEDURES

- **Students may practice in the band room in the morning beginning at 7:10** (when the busses drop students off)
- Instruments can be picked up after school by going through the choir room to enter the band room. (We are teaching at the HS during this time)
- **Students should be practicing 3x a week for about 15 minutes** to be successful. Extra music books are available to check out from our “classroom music library.”

HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

- The 8th grade band will be performing with the 8th grade choir for their annual Holiday Concert.
- The concert will be on Friday, December 8th @ 7:00pm

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

- 8th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in the Coopersville Memorial Day Parade with the high school band.
- As a band we will work on the music and marching prior to this event.
- Students will get to meet high school band members and experience marching prior to going into high school.
- *This is a volunteer performance and not mandatory.*

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

- Solo & Ensemble - December 2, 2017 @ CMS
 - Students prepare solos or duets to play for a “judge” (band director in a different district).
 - Students then receive comments and a rating
 - Great opportunity for all students and we host the event here.
 - Students are expected to practice outside of the classroom for this event.
 - Soloists require a piano accompanist. A list of names and numbers will be provided. Students will be responsible to cover the cost of the pianist (\$25) but the school will cover the cost of the event!
 - More information will be sent home at the end of this week/early next week.

MSBOA BAND FESTIVAL

- **The band will travel to a local school** to perform 3 pieces and sight read a piece for a panel of judges in early March.
- The location and time of this performance is assigned to us by the state and I will share as soon as the schedule is released.
- To prepare for this performance we have a “Pre-Festival” concert here at CHS.
- This event is free to the public and all parents are welcome to attend and/or chaperone!

BAND BOOSTERS

- They can always use more help!
- Especially during the upcoming chocolate sale. If you are available to volunteer please sign up using the “sign up genius” on the band website.
- Next meeting is tomorrow night in the HS Band room at 7:00pm
- Additional dates are listed on the band website and on the syllabus.
- Bronco Band Window Clings are available for \$5

CONCERTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
<i>Saturday 12/2/17</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Solo and Ensemble **Volunteer Performance**</i>	<i>CHS Middle School</i>
Friday 12/8/17	7:00pm	8th Grade Band & Choir Holiday Spectacular	HS Centerstage
Tuesday 2/20/18	8:00pm	Festival Preview Concert	HS Centerstage
3/2/18 or 3/9/18	TBA	MSBOA Band Festival	TBA
Tuesday 5/15/18	8:00pm	7th & 8th Grade Band Spring Concert	HS Centerstage
<i>Monday 5/28/18</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>Memorial Day Parade With High School Band **Volunteer Performance**</i>	<i>High School Band Room</i>

- A green polo will be given to each student.
- Students are expected to provide their own black pants/black full length skirt, black socks/tights and black shoes. We do have school owned pants to loan out if needed!

GRADING

- Concerts 300-500 each
Daily Rehearsals 20 points
Playing Tests 50 each
Class Assignments 50 each
Extra Credit/Help 30 each
- All playing assessments will (hopefully) be done through google classroom. Students will be able to record as many times as they want then submit the best one to be graded! We will go over this in class. **Students may redo any test throughout the semester.**

INSTRUMENTS

- Clarinets, Saxophones, Oboes and Bassoons should have at least 3 reeds in their case at all times. They should alternate reeds daily to increase the life of the reeds.
- You can purchase ANY band accessories through Meyer Music over the phone and they will deliver the product to the school on the following Thursday at noon.