

**2023/2024 CLASS SYLLABUS**  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BANDS**  
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**Welcome CMS Band Members:**

Thank you for your continued commitment to instrumental music at Cashmere Middle School. I look forward to getting to know you as we work together this year. Music is a very important subject in the Cashmere school district. Skills that students learn and use in music classes carry into all other areas of life. Playing in the band is a great way to extend your learning and contribute to your school and community while having a great time.

Have a great year!

Mr. Chalmers

Cashmere MS/HS Band Director

**Google Classroom Codes**

**7<sup>th</sup> Band '23-'24: bozkm62**

**CMS Jazz Band '23-'24: drogr22**

**8<sup>th</sup> Band '23-'24: s7zktag**

**Events**

Performances are very important for all band members to participate in. These dates and details are subject to change. Please mark these dates in your calendar. Notify the directors ASAP if a student cannot attend a performance.

**Tuesday, September 5 @ 4-6pm-** Chinook Music Band Rental Night (Opt. for supplies)

**Thursday, November 2 -** NCWMEA Fall Jazz Fest, Leavenworth (Jazz band only)

**Tuesday, November 7 @ 7:30 –** Fall Band Concert (CMS Stage)

**Thursday, November 9 –** CHS/CMS Veteran's Day Assembly

**Tuesday, December 12 @ 6:00pm –** Holiday Concert (Cashmere High School Gym)

**Saturday, January 27 –** Winds/Percussion Solo & Ensemble Festival (Wenatchee HS)

**Monday, March 11 @ 7:30pm –** Pre-Festival Concert (Cashmere High School Gym)

**Tuesday, March 12: Time TBD –** Middle School Band Festival (Cashmere HS Gym)

**Thursday, April 11 -** NCWEMA Jazz Festival, Omak (Jazz band only)

**Saturday, April 27 –** Apple Blossom Youth Parade (Wenatchee)

**Saturday, May 11 –** Manson Parade

**Wednesday, June 5 @ 7:30pm –** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Band/Choir Concert (CMS Stage)

**Required Band Supplies**

- **Instrument** (see below)
- **Accent on Achievement Book 1** (for specific instrument: flute, clarinet, etc.)
- **Accent on Achievement Book 2** (will be needed at a later date in the year)
- **Pencil** (store in instrument case)
- **Concert Attire** (see below)
- **Instrument Cleaning Kit**
- **Chromebook** connected to Google Classroom. Charge it before you arrive.

### **Concert Attire – Must be worn to each performance (please plan ahead)**

Music students will be provided a Cashmere Music polo shirt to use for our performances. Students are responsible to return these at the end of the year or they will be charged a \$25 replacement fee.

At the beginning of the school year, please prepare for the required concert attire:

- Black Shoes, Black Socks, Black Dress Pants/Skirt (As nice as possible!)

Contact Mr. Chalmers if you have problems obtaining correct concert attire

### **Classroom Rules**

- Listen and follow directions
- Raise hand to talk or to get of your seat
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Respect the teacher, classmates and yourself
- All rules outlined in the middle school student handbook apply to band class.

### **ASSESSMENT/REPORTING**

*Students will be assessed on their skills within the following three categories:*

#### **1. Assessments: 85% of total grade**

Individual musicianship: Students will be assessed on sight reading, musical technique, musicality, and musical knowledge.

Ensemble Musicianship: Concerts, and performances as a large group and as small ensembles will be given quarterly and will be a part of the assessment grade.

Musical Knowledge: Students will be assessed on their knowledge of basic music theory and how it relates to their part of the our band music.

#### **2. Daily Work: 15% of total grade**

Assigned Practice: Students will need to practice on their own to be able to effectively perform our ensemble music. We will have various assignments throughout the year to check on this practice.

In-class assignments: Worksheets, performance evaluations, music listening reflections, and various other assignments will need to be completed and returned so you can receive feedback on your learning.

#### **3. Classroom Behaviors: 0%of total grade, but reported on frequently**

- Participation, Effort, and Preparedness: Students will be checked frequently to make sure they have their instrument, music and necessary accessories, and that they are acting appropriately in class.
- Correspondence and communication – Students will have permission forms, concert reminders, and other forms of communication that must return to school with a parent signature.

### Cashmere MS Grading Scale:

A	93 - 100%	C	73 - 76.99%	NE	No Evidence
A-	90 - 92.99%	C-	70 - 72.99%	E	Exceptional
B+	87 - 89.99%	D+	67 - 69.99%	S	Satisfactory
B	83 - 86.99%	D	60 - 66.99%	U	Unsatisfactory
B-	80 - 82.99%	F	0 - 59.99%		
C+	77 - 79.99%				

### Instrument Care

Please make sure your band equipment is clearly marked with your name. Clean your instrument monthly, and use the appropriate care products. Clean mouthpieces regularly.

- Flute: Cleaning swab and/or rod, cleaning cloth
- Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophones: Cleaning swab of some type, cork grease, and at least 2 extra reeds. If you choose to buy a box of reeds (usually cheaper to buy in bulk) leave the box at home and only take 2 or 3 for class so they are safe and not misplaced.
- Trumpet, F Horn: Valve oil, some type of slide grease, cleaning snake, cleaning cloth.
- Euphonium, Tuba: You are using school instruments, so you will be graded on how well you maintain your Instrument's slides and valves. You are responsible for knowing where valve oil and slide grease are kept in the room.
- Trombone: Slide *cream*, tuning slide grease, spray bottle cleaning cloth.
- Percussionists: Appropriate drum sticks, practice pad and metronome (I only need to see these at the beginning of the year). Percussionists need to bring a stick bag to class every day with the following sticks: Soft timpani/cymbal mallets, hard plastic bell/xylo, mallets, snare drum sticks (2B or equivalent), yarn wrapped marimba mallets. Percussionists are responsible for maintaining the trap table, and other percussion areas. Percussionists need to label their sticks, mallets, and stick bags.

### CMS Jazz Band

CMS Jazz band is available to any 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band student who is interested in taking their music a step further. Jazz band will meet in the CMS Music room at 7:15 on most Mondays and Wednesdays. Rhythm section (piano, guitar, bass, drums, vibes) may also meet on Fridays for more individualized instruction.

### Student Chromebooks

Starting this year, every student at CMS will have their own Chromebook issued to them for use with school related work. This has tremendous potential in our band classes and we will be exploring the power of this valuable tool this year. Examples students may use their Chromebooks in individual practice will include:

- Online Metronome/Tuner apps
- Recording personal practice and sending the recordings to your teacher
- Electronic copies of band music for at-home practice
- Performance assessment software (SmartMusic)

**CMS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade 2023/2024 Band Member Agreement**  
(To be returned for a correspondence and communication grade)

**Please read the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Syllabus carefully and completely. Return this form to the band office within the first two weeks of school.**

My parent/guardian and I have read the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Syllabus, including the rules and regulations set forth, and I will do my best to comply with them. I will act as a responsible, committed band member while representing our school and community. I understand that changes may be made to these policies by the director, but only after due notice and without negative consequences. **Before Signing, make sure you check the concert dates, concert attire, and transfer them to your personal home calendar.** Students should also make a note in their school planner about concert dates. These dates may change, but advance notification will be given.

Band Member Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Band Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to be on the Cashmere School Band email list and receive monthly emails with reminders about concerts, student activities, and fundraisers, please include your email information below.

Student email address (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

What is your preferred method of communication?

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone call: \_\_\_\_\_ Text message: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any holidays that your family does not celebrate?

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**CMS Music Polo Shirt Size (Circle)**

Youth Large Youth X-Large

Adult XS Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large XL 2XL 3XL