

2024/2025 CLASS SYLLABUS
7th & 8th GRADE BANDS
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Welcome CMS Band Members:

We are excited to have you in the Cashmere Middle School Band program! We are going to be having a great time making music together and learning all about music and instruments. It's going to be a great year!

Mr. Chalmers, Cashmere MS/HS Band Director

Google Classroom Codes

7th Band '24-'25: k7e2tpc

8th Band '24-'25: 46vtptb

CMS Jazz Band '24-'25: fmqirbc

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.

- Wednesday, Sept. 4 @ 4:30-6:30pm**- Chinook Music Supply Night (Opt. for band supplies)
- Thursday, Oct. 24** - NCWMEA "Sarge Huber" Honor Festival (Select Students - Quincy HS)
- Tuesday, November 5 @ 7:30** – Fall Band Concert (CMS Stage)
- Thursday, November 7** - NCWMEA Fall Jazz Fest, Leavenworth (Jazz band only)
- Thursday, November 9** – CHS/CMS Veteran's Day Assembly
- Tuesday, December 10 @ 7:00pm** – Holiday Concert (Cashmere High School Gym)
- Saturday, February 1** – Winds/Percussion Solo & Ensemble Festival (Wenatchee HS - Select groups)
- Tuesday, March 11 @ 7:30pm** – Pre-Festival Concert (Cashmere High School Gym)
- Wednesday, March 12: Time TBD** – Middle School Band Festival (Cashmere HS Gym)
- Saturday, April 26** – Apple Blossom Youth Parade (Wenatchee)
- Saturday, May 10** – Manson Parade
- Tuesday, June 3 @ 7:30pm** – 7th & 8th Grade Spring Band/Choir Concert (CMS Stage)

Required Band Supplies

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| 1. Instrument | 5. Pencils |
| 2. Accent on Achievement Book 1 (for specific instrument) | 6. Concert Attire (see below) |
| 3. ½ Inch Binder | 7. Page Protectors |
| 4. Concert Attire (see below) | 8. Instrument Cleaning Kit |

Acquiring an Instrument (If you don't already have one)

*We HIGHLY recommend that students find a quality instrument.

Please DO NOT buy cheap instruments on Amazon, Walmart, etc. as they cannot be repaired.

1. Renting an instrument from Chinook Music (not borrowing from school)
Chinook Music Instrument Rental Night
 - September 4th, 4:30-6:30pm
 - Cashmere Middle School Music Room, hosted by Chinook Music
 - Rent and purchase: instruments, accessories, band books (Rental Cost: \$25-\$35 per month)
2. Visit or call a local music store

Chinook Music 199 Eastmont Avenue East Wenatchee, WA 98802 (509)886-8800 www.chinookmusic.com	Avalon Music 532 North Wenatchee Avenue Wenatchee, WA 98801 (509)663-7300 www.avalonmusic.net
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3. Borrow or purchase an instrument from someone you know
4. Search online for an instrument: Facebook marketplace, Craigslist, online music stores, ebay, etc.
5. Please contact Mr. or Mrs. Chalmers if you need assistance in acquiring an instrument.

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**. Contact Mr. Chalmers if you need help obtaining concert attire.

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

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, cork grease, and at least 2 extra reeds (size 2.5)
- Trumpet, F Horn: Valve oil, slide grease, cleaning snake, cleaning cloth
- Euphonium, Tuba: Valve oil
- Trombone: Slide *cream*, tuning slide grease, spray bottle cleaning cloth
- Percussionists: 2B drum sticks, yarn wrapped marimba mallets and a stick bag. Label everything!

Classroom Rules

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

ASSESSMENT/REPORTING

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

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

CMS Jazz Band

CMS Jazz band is available to any 7th and 8th 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.

CMS 7th/8th Grade 2024/2025 Band Member Agreement
(To be returned for a correspondence and communication grade)

Please read the 7th/8th 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 7th/8th 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: _____

What is your preferred method of communication?

Email: _____ Phone call: _____ Text message: _____ SchoolStatus (Class Tag): _____

Please inform us of any conflicts with the dates of our events:

- Tuesday, November 5 @ 7:30** – Fall Band Concert (CMS Stage)
- Tuesday, December 10 @ 7:00pm** – Winter Concert (Cashmere High School Gym)
- Tuesday, March 11 @ 6:00pm**- Pre-Festival Concert (Cashmere High School Gym)
- Wednesday, March 12: Time TBD** – Middle School Band Festival (Cashmere HS Gym)
- Saturday, April 26** – Apple Blossom Youth Parade (Wenatchee)
- Saturday, May 10** – Manson Parade
- Tuesday, June 3 @ 6:00pm** – 6th Grade Band and Choir Spring Concert

Reason for conflict(s):

Are there any holidays that your family does not celebrate?

Polo Shirt Size :

_____ Youth Large	_____ Adult Small	_____ XL
_____ Youth X-Large	_____ Adult Medium	_____ 2XL
_____ Adult XS	_____ Adult Large	_____ 3XL