

SOJO Band Information – google SOJO bands for website

Welcome to BAND!!! Ms. Johnson's goals for you are:

-Love music, perform, have fun with friends!

Sign up for Remind for schedule/due date alerts. Remind codes located on SOJO bands website. E-mail Ms. Johnson for questions.

Assessments

Students are assessed on various elements of music. Assessments will usually occur on Thursdays/Fridays. Students will have until the end of the quarter to turn in late assignments.

Concerts/Extra Rehearsals

Performances are a special assessment for musicians – they're the reason we take music classes. If students miss the performance they will miss points. Please refer to the Band Grading System for acceptable absences and for make-up work requirements. In order to receive full credit, students should plan to stay for the entire performance/extra rehearsal (usually 1 hour).
Concerts are dress-up occasions. (The school dress code applies.) Dress shirt/blouse, dress/dress pants/skirt, dress shoes. No shorts, short skirts/dresses, jeans, t-shirts, sneakers, or flip-flops. We want to look and sound awesome.

Schedule of performances:

See "Performance schedule" sheet for individual class performances. The full calendar can also be accessed through the SOJO bands website.

Enrichment/Practice Time

Students receive credit toward their band grade every time they play their instrument or do exploratory music activities outside of class time. Musicians call it **PRACTICE**. Students enter practice time once a week.

Required Materials

Woodwinds/Brass - musical instrument and appropriate required supplies (reeds, valve oil, slide/cork grease, etc.) **Supplies are available for purchase from the school.**
Beginning percussionists - bell kits and binder with sheet protectors for music and warm-ups. (Bells, appropriate mallets, practice pad, sticks (SD-1s or equivalent).)
2nd-year percussionists – Medium Hard Marimba Yarn Mallets (Innovative IP240 or Yamaha ME-202 recommended), kit
3rd-year percussionists – Medium Hard Marimba Yarn Mallets (IP240/ME-202) AND General Timpani Mallets.
Sharpened pencil – musicians write on sheet music in pencil
Metronome - pocket sized, or can be a free app for phone/mp3 player (required for percussion, optional for everyone else)

Books:

Beginning Band:
Standard of Excellence books 1 and 2 by Bruce Pearson

Beginning Percussion:
A Fresh Approach to Mallet Percussion by Mark Wessels
Alfred's Drum Method Book 1

Concert Band:
Accent on Achievement books 1 and 2 – O'Reilly/Williams
Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician – Rush, Scott, Wilkinson, Moon, and Boyle
Winning Rhythms by Edward L. Ayola (provided by the school)

Symphonic Band:
Accent on Achievement book 2 – O'Reilly/Williams
Bach and Before for Band – David Newell
Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician – Rush, Scott, Wilkinson, Moon, and Boyle

Field Trips/Festivals/Assemblies:

Only students with a D- or better grade in all their classes and an S or H for citizenship may attend. These are rewards for good behavior and class habits.