

WCS Music Program

Performing Arts Handbook

2019-2020

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We are very happy to have you as an important member of the music program! By selecting band and/or chorus, you have become a member of a musical family and have joined the tradition of musical excellence at WCS. You will find yourself challenged on many levels – intellectually, emotionally, physically, and musically as you strive to recreate works of art. There is a special bond that is created among people who make music together.

In order to be a productive and reliable member, there are expectations you must fulfill. The following pages outline some of these expectations as well as what you can look forward to in the upcoming year.

Top 10 Skills Students Learn From The Arts

1. Creativity
2. Confidence
3. Collaboration
4. Perseverance
5. Dedication
6. Leadership
7. Focus
8. Problem-Solving
9. Accountability
10. Risk-Taking

National Core Arts Standards	CVSD Habits of Learning
CREATING RESPONDING PERFORMING CONNECTING	Participate and collaborate effectively and respectfully to enhance the learning environment. Take initiative and responsibility for personal decisions and actions.

Upper House Performing Ensembles

Band	Beginner Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, & Wind Ensemble
Chorus	5/6 Chorus & 7/8 Chorus
Extra-Curricular	Stage Band & Varietones

Scheduled Performances

11/8	District Jazz Festival (day and evening) Select 7th and 8th graders-band, chorus, ukulele/guitar
12/18 (12/19 snow date)	5th-8th Grade Winter Concert (day and evening) 5/6 evening concert 5:30pm 7/8 evening concert 7:15pm
1/31, 2/1 (2/8,2/9 snow dates)	District Music Festival (auditions are in November) Select 7th and 8th graders-band, chorus, orchestra
3/11 (3/12 snow date Plan A) (3/17 snow date plan B)	7th and 8th Grade Concert (day and evening) Tuesday, March 10-Dress Rehearsal 8:10- dismissal Wednesday, March 11-Concert 7pm snow date PLAN A: Thursday, March 12 concert snow date PLAN B: Monday, 3/16 dress rehearsal and Tuesday, 3/17 concert
5/1, 5/2	VT ACDA Children's Honor Choir (day and evening)
5/12	CVSD Jazz Fest (All Stage Band members)
5/20	5th-8th Grade Spring Concert (day and evening) 5/6 Concert 5:30pm 7/8 Concert 7:15pm
Select 7th and 8th grade musicians may perform at additional events such as school assemblies, senior homes etc.	
<i>Please see the School Bell and website for further details.</i>	

CONCERT ATTENDANCE

Attendance is required at all concerts.

Excused Concert Absences include a death in the family, religious observance, emergency or illness. If a student is unable to attend the concert, please inform your music teacher of your situation as soon as possible.

Unexcused Concert Absences may affect eligibility for future performances. Unexcused absences include, but are not limited to, sports conflicts, social events, family birthdays, or failure to remember. A make-up assignment may be required.

If there is a problem with transportation, we want to help you. Let us know and every effort will be made to facilitate participation.

Concert Dress

We strive to reflect the pride we feel when performing.

We request the following attire:

Daytime	Evening
Performing Arts t-shirt black pants or skirt of appropriate length.	dressy shirt/collared shirt with tie pants, dress or skirt of appropriate length.
Shorts, t shirts, hats, athletic wear, jeans, flip flops and clunky boots are not appropriate. Please contact a music teacher if you need to borrow any clothing in advance.	

Rehearsal Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30-8:10 Wind Ensemble	7:30-8:10 Wind Ensemble	7:30-8:10 Wind Ensemble	7:30-8:10 Wind Ensemble	7:30-8:10 Wind Ensemble
11:50-12:30 Concert Band	11:50-12:30 Symphonic Band	11:50-12:30 Concert Band	11:50-12:30 Symphonic Band	11:50-12:30 Concert Band
7/8 Chorus	5/6 Chorus	7/8 Chorus	5/6 Chorus	7/8 Chorus
3:00-3:45 Stage Band		3:00-4:00 Varietones		

5th graders will follow the schedule below:

If you are in band only, go to band on Tuesday and Thursday.

If you are in chorus only, go to chorus on Tuesday and Thursday.

If you are in both, go to band on Tuesday and chorus on Thursday.

**All students are encouraged
to participate in both band and chorus.**

REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE

A student is expected to attend all scheduled rehearsals of their performing group. This includes rehearsals that meet before school at 7:30, during the school day, or after school.

Excused Absences include absences from school, appointments, field trips, using a FREE PASS (this will be explained in rehearsal.)

Unexcused Absences must be made up in order to participate in the pending concert. ***Unexcused absences during blackout cannot be made up and will result in a student losing performance privileges.*** Please contact your music teacher if extenuating circumstances arise.

Blackout is a short period of rehearsal time before the performance, including dress rehearsal. Free passes cannot be used during this time. Details will be provided in rehearsal.

To contact us:

Email is preferred and is the quickest way to get a response.

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871-6028 (Ms. Kennedy) 871-6033 (Mrs. Thompson)

Where do we post information for you?

- Website
- School Bell
- Email
- Band families: Please subscribe to Kim Thompson's REMIND app.
(**Wind Ensemble members:** please note that this is the only method that will be used to inform you of any last minute cancellations and schedule changes) Please see below for information.

How to subscribe to REMIND:

REMIND provides a safe way for Kim Thompson to send text message or emails (or both) to families. (numbers and addresses are not shared)

Group	Use the link to sign up. It is fast and easy!
Symphonic Band	Use this link and follow the directions. https://www.remind.com/join/9e3782d or text @9e3782d to the number 81010
Concert Band	Use this link and follow the directions. https://www.remind.com/join/hha622 or text @hha622 to the number 81010
Wind Ensemble	Use this link and follow the directions. https://www.remind.com/join/df42h9 or text @df42h9 to the number 81010
Stage Band	Use this link and follow the directions. https://www.remind.com/join/d4f94dg or text @d4f94dg to the number 81010

Student and Parent/Guardian WCS
Performing Arts Handbook Agreement

Please return this page by Friday, October 25, 2019



We have read and agree to the expectations in the
WCS Performing Arts Handbook, which can be found on the
WCS Music Website. Hard copies are available upon request.

Please check each item to indicate your understanding:

- ☐ performance dates
 - ☐ excused absences
 - ☐ unexcused absences
 - ☐ concert dress
 - ☐ concert attendance
- ☐ I signed up for the correct REMIND (band members only)

Parent/Guardian Signature

date

Student Signature (Sign neatly, first and last name)

date