

# RJEMS 7th Grade Bands

ROCK THE HOUSE!

For the latest updates and information and information about Grand Rapids Bands, visit: [www.grbands.org](http://www.grbands.org)



Band is a year-long class; schedule changes will not be made after the first full week of school.

## Performance Dates:

**Fall Concert: Monday, November 20th, 2023:**

1st Hour Band @6:30 pm, 3rd Hour Band @ 7:30 pm

**Winter Concert: Tuesday, February 13th, 2024:**

3rd Hour Band @6:30 pm, 1st Hour Band @7:30 pm

**Spring Concert: Monday, May 13th, 2024:**

1st Hour Band @6:30 pm, 3rd Hour Band @7:30 pm

All Concerts are at the Reif Center, Wilcox Theater

**Concert Attire: "Concert" Black.** *Students should try to dress nicely, as this is a formal event. This is not meant to be a hardship; students in need can get clothes from our "Black Clothes Closet". Let a music teacher know, and we will help you out!*



Do you use a "School-Owned" instrument?



Please remember to pay your \$100 yearly usage fee.

## Daily Schedule:

- If your child is only in band, they have band Monday through Friday.

- If you child is in both band and choir: Band days = Tuesday & Friday, Choir days = Monday & Thursday. Wednesdays will alternate

## What do I need for Band Class?

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today." *H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*

### INSTRUMENT

1

Students should bring their instrument for the first day of school.

### 3 RING BINDER

2

Each student should have their own binder to hold class

### BOOKS/MUSIC

3

Essential Elements book, Scale & Rhythm Chunks, & Band Music

### SUPPLIES

4

Always have a pencil as well as any reeds, oil, etc as needed.

## COMMUNICATION:

### Teacher Contact Information:

Ms. Anissa Grotjohn [agrotjohn@isd318.org](mailto:agrotjohn@isd318.org) 327-5800 ext. 41251.

3rd Hour band teacher

Email is the most efficient way to contact me, as the band room (phone area) is in use and is filled with musical sounds most of the day!

### Campus Messenger:

I will send home concert reminders and any other important updates through Campus Messenger throughout the school year.

### Grand Rapids Bands Webpage:

[www.grbands.org](http://www.grbands.org)

### Band Boosters:

All band parents are automatically members of the GR band boosters. Meetings are held in the GRHS band room at 7:00 pm, every 3rd Monday of the month. All are welcome!

### **Do you need reeds, oil, grease, etc?**

- You can contact [dann@popplersmusic.com](mailto:dann@popplersmusic.com) and he can deliver them to the school on his next trip.
- You can order your own- but be aware all brands are NOT equal!
- Reeds: Reliable brands are LaVoz, Rico, Van Doren, Hemke, & Di'Addario.
- Valve Oil: Yamaha synthetic or Blue Juice are reliable brands. Trombones- we recommend Yamaha or Bach slide grease/or cream.
- French Horns- Holton Rotary Valve oil is recommended.

## GRADING:

- Band is a performance-based class and grades will reflect individual musical progress, as well as the ability to successfully perform grade-level benchmarks.
- Assessments will be both formal and informal. Students will be asked to demonstrate skills in playing assignments as well as in the full ensemble class period. A grade-appropriate level of proficiency will be the goal for all students, and opportunities to demonstrate more advanced skills will be given as well.
- Concerts are an extension of the curricular day and attendance is a part of the students performance grade. The concerts are a culmination of our daily work during band class and are also an exciting opportunity for students to share their talents with you and the community!
- How students conduct them selves as well as how they treat others is an important part of our success as a team. A small portion of the band grade will be based on an Effective Participation/Positive Contribution Rehearsal Rubric.