



Lakeview Jr. High School Bands

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Dear Parents and Students,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Lakeview Jr. High School instrumental music program. There are very few changes that take place from the elementary to the junior high music program. This handbook is intended to help both parents and students become more familiar with the operations of the program at Lakeview. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our returning students and their families.

The music faculty at Lakeview is dedicated to its students. It is our intention to provide high quality instruction in all areas of music and to provide an experience that will be musically rewarding, aesthetically pleasing and beneficial to our students' musical and intellectual growth. Research has shown that a sound music education will compliment and enhance a student's academic experience.

Please take some time to read through the handbook. There is information regarding rehearsals, lessons, materials, grading, etc. It is designed to help keep you informed about the program. If you have any questions or concerns please contact either one of us at school.

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band is designed as a continuing program for students that were in the instrumental music program at Prairieview School and for advanced 5th grade students. Most 6th grade band students will participate in this ensemble. This ensemble experience is designed to prepare the students for a higher level of performance through a variety of skill building exercises and challenging band literature.

Performances for this group will include the winter and spring concerts, solo contest and the District 66 Winter Festival. **Concert Band will meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 7:10 to 7:45 am.**

SYMPHONIC BAND

The Symphonic Band is designed as a continuing program for students that have participated in the Lakeview Concert Band, or are at that level of performance and beyond. **Participation in this group is for eligible 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and will be based on teacher recommendation, audition, instrumentation needs and/or musical proficiency. Students must attain the grade of “B” or higher in Concert Band to be recommended for this group.** Performances for this group include the fall, winter and spring concerts, solo festival, the Winter Invitational, and the Southeast DuPage Festival of Bands. Seventh and eighth grade students participating in this band will also participate in all Marching Spartan performances. **Symphonic Band meets daily during the lunch/study period from 12:08 to 12:48 pm.**

WIND ENSEMBLE

The Lakeview Wind Ensemble represents the highest level of concert band performance in our school and is an advanced level group. **Participation in this group is for eligible 7th and 8th grade students and will be based on teacher recommendation, audition, instrumentation needs and/or musical proficiency. Students must attain the grade of “B” or higher in Symphonic Band to be recommended for this group.** Performances for this group include the fall, winter, and spring concerts, solo festival, Southeast Dupage Festival of Bands, and a spring band competition. Seventh and eighth grade students participating in this band will also participate in all Marching Spartan performances. **Wind Ensemble meets daily during the lunch/study period from 12:08 to 12:48 pm.**

JAZZ BAND

The Jazz Band is designed to teach students the musical styles found in jazz combo and jazz band music. This is an advanced level group only open to 7th and 8th grade students playing saxophone, trombone, trumpet, and rhythm section instruments. **Participation in this group is for eligible 7th and 8th grade students currently enrolled in the instrumental music program and will be based on teacher recommendation, audition, and/or instrumentation needs. Students must maintain a “B” average, (80%), or higher in Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble to remain an active member of this group.** Performances for this group include the fall, winter, and spring concerts, as well as several other public appearances which vary from year to year. Jazz Band meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 7:10 to 7:45 am. Students generally are not be required to attend all rehearsal days. Weekly rehearsals will be scheduled by the director.

JAZZ LAB BAND

The Jazz Lab Band is an introductory jazz ensemble. **Participation in this group is for eligible 6th, 7th and 8th grade students currently enrolled in the instrumental music program.** Performances for this group are TBA at this time. Jazz Lab Band meets after school from 3:00 to 4:30, three days per month, on a day to be announced.

ATTENDANCE

All students are required to attend all rehearsals, lessons, and performances for which they are scheduled. Students will be given a participation grade at performances. A student may be excused from a rehearsal, performance, or lesson under the following circumstances:

1. The student is absent from school.
2. The director has been contacted by a parent in advance for special circumstances.

Students will be excused from their weekly band lesson if they have a major test or quiz **and** have filled out an excused lesson form. It is the students' responsibility to reschedule any missed lessons as soon as possible. All other absences are subject to the discretion of the director. Excessive absences will result in a parent conference.

DISCIPLINE

School rules of conduct are officially extended to rehearsals, field trips, extra curricular activities, and all other school sponsored social/educational events. Students engaging in misconduct beyond the school day are subject to normal school disciplinary action. Parents and students should refer to the Lakeview Student-Parent Handbook for further clarification of the school discipline and academic eligibility policies.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms will be supplied to Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble students. Students are responsible for the care of their uniform. The uniform may be dry cleaned if necessary, at any time during the year. All students should make sure their uniform appears and smells acceptable for all performances. The uniforms are as follows:

Concert Band: Green District 66 Polo shirt, black pants, black shoes, black crew length socks.

Symphonic Band: White tux shirt, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black tux pants, black crew length socks, black shoes.

Wind Ensemble: White tux shirt, black bow tie, black tux jacket, black cummerbund, black tux pants, black crew length socks, black shoes.

Marching Band: Green jacket, gold cummerbund, T-Shirt with sleeves, black tux pants, black crew length socks, black shoes.

Jazz Band: White tux shirt, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black tux pants, black socks, black shoes.

All 7th and 8th grade students will be issued the following items (depending on their group):

-Green jacket, gold cummerbund, black tux pants, black tux jacket, black bow tie, black cummerbund.

*Students are responsible for the replacement cost of all issued uniform pieces in the event of loss or damage.

Color Guard uniforms are **NOT** to be washed or dry cleaned! Color guard members should wear white socks, nude colored nylons, and white canvas shoes for their performances.

WEEKLY LESSONS

Each student in the band program receives one thirty-minute band lesson each week. The students will be placed in a small group in which they will attend their lesson. The lesson is always on the same day of the week but the time alternates weekly, so a student will only miss the same thirty-minute time slot once every eight weeks. Lessons may be adjusted due to scheduling conflicts, in which case the student will be notified of the changes by the director. Lesson schedules and practice charts are available on the music homepage: <http://www.ccsd66music.com/>

SUPPLIES

Instrument supplies such as reeds, neck straps, valve oil, cork grease, slide cream, cleaning brushes, etc. can be purchased at cost through Mr. Tedeschi or Mr. Ohlsen . An updated pricelist for items will be available on the website and also placed in the band rooms. **Payment can be made by cash or check to District 66 Music Boosters.**

GRADING

Students will receive a grade for group lessons and all performances. **An unexcused absence at a performance will result in a zero for that particular event.** Every student has an assignment to prepare for his or her weekly lesson. The assignment is a combination of lesson book assignments, band music, solos, and other special material suited for their instrument or ability. The student is asked to play the assignment and is given a grade based on the accuracy and quality of their performance. Students also receive a weekly grade for their practice chart that averages into their final grade. All grades are averaged at the end of each trimester to determine their final band grade. **An unexcused absence at a lesson will result in a zero as their grade for that week. Students should contact their director as soon as possible if they have a conflict.**

EXCUSED LESSON FORM

Students who are unable to attend their scheduled weekly group lesson due to a test or quiz are required to fill out a lesson excuse form. The form is necessary to give the director time to reschedule a student's lesson. The form must be turned in no later than the morning of the lesson that will be missed. Students who fail to turn in an excuse form will be given a zero for their lesson. A sample form is shown below:

EXCUSED LESSON FORM	
NAME _____	DATE _____
LESSON TIME _____	Period that is affected _____
CLASSROOM TEACHER _____	
REASON FOR ABSENCE (BE SPECIFIC) _____	

Excuse forms are available in both bandrooms and at: <http://www.ccsd66music.com/>

WEEKLY PRACTICE CHART

All students are required to fill out a practice chart as part of their weekly lesson. The chart must be filled out completely with the amount of time practiced each day **and** a parent signature. Students receive credit for signed practice charts showing home practice each week. A sample chart is shown here:

Practice Chart Sample:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total	Parent Sign
Assignment: Page 10, #'s 15-20 Band Music									
2/7	20	20	20	0	20	20	20	120	Mr. Ward
Assignment: Page 11, #'s 21-23 Solo music-first 16 measures									
2/14	0	40	0	40	0	20	20	120	Mrs. Ward

Practice charts will be checked at each lesson. They will receive 10 points for 100 - 120 min. of practice, 5 points for 85 - 100 min. of practice and 0 points for anything less than 85 minutes. A parent must sign the practice chart in order to receive credit. Late practice charts may not be accepted for credit. It is recommended that a regular practice schedule is set for the students to help achieve this goal. Students will receive extra credit for every 20 min. beyond 120 min. **Regular and consistent practice builds confidence and success!!**

PRACTICE ROOMS

Practice rooms are available for all students before school, during study hall, and after school. Students who wish to practice at school may use the practice rooms at the designated times.

SCHOOL-OWNED INSTRUMENTS

In the event a student is assigned a school-owned instrument, he/she will assume full responsibility for the care and maintenance of the instrument or equipment until it is returned. Students must sign out the instrument with the director. **A yearly maintenance fee may be required for some school owned instruments.** A form will be provided to those students to whom this applies.

EQUIPMENT

Each student is required to have his/her instrument, music, **pencil**, and all accessories at all rehearsals and lessons. Identification emblems will be provided by the director for all student instrument cases. Storage space will be provided at school where students may keep their instruments during school. Instruments should be taken home at the end of the school day. **Parents are urged to keep the instrument brand, make or model, and serial number information on file at home in case it is ever needed.**

INSTRUMENT REPAIRS

Many instruments will need to be repaired at some point. **Quinlan & Fabish Music Company** services our school weekly and will handle most of the repair needs. Loaner instruments may be provided from the school, if available, while a student's instrument is being repaired. Payments for repairs will be handled directly through the music company for personal instruments.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

As part of the band curriculum, all band members are required to participate in the district-wide Solo and Ensemble Festival. Each student will prepare a solo to be critiqued by a judge. The solo to be played will be chosen or approved by the director. Participation in this event is mandatory and students will be given a participation grade for their attendance at this performance.

SUMMER BAND

Summer Band is optional but encouraged for all band students entering grades 5 through 8. Registration information will be available in the summer school registration packets handed out in the spring.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Many of the most successful students in our band program take private lessons. Private lesson instruction gives your child the opportunity to learn about the aspects of playing their specific instrument from a professional on that instrument. Private lessons usually take place once a week for thirty to forty-five minutes. We currently staff professional teachers for most instruments that teach from after school into the evening at Lakeview.

We strongly encourage any student, regardless of their age or ability to take advantage of private lesson instruction. Lessons are set up directly through the teacher. Schedules and fees vary with each individual teacher. If you would like more information on lessons, please contact Mr. Tedeschi or Mr. Ohlsen.

MUSIC BOOSTER ORGANIZATION

The District 66 Music Booster organization is designed to assist the directors in the promotion and advancement of music education in our district. Everyone with a child in the program is a music booster. The Music Booster Officers are made up of volunteers who were selected by the band directors to serve in one of the following capacities: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Ways and Means, Librarian/Assistant, and Prairieview Representative. A copy of the By-Laws that outline the functions of the organization can be found on website at www.ccsd66music.com or by request from Mr. Tedeschi or Mr. Ohlsen. Music Booster positions are filled on an as-needed basis. Positions will be advertised when they become available to solicit potential volunteers. Booster meetings are open to the public and will be posted on the district website when scheduled. Meeting minutes will be posted on the music website.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are always needed throughout the year for a variety of events and activities, such as: uniform fitting and collection, Hot Dog Day, Dance-a-Thon, District 66 Winter Invitational, Parades, Southeast DuPage Festival, and our concert performances. A description of the events and duties will be available on our website. If you are interested in helping at any or all events, please email Mr. Tedeschi or Mr. Ohlsen with your availability.

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