New Milford High School

Band Handbook

2018-2019

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**Google Classroom Codes:**

Concert Band: 6ogd3f

Marching Band: jfysa3

Playing an instrument is NOT EASY! It takes a tremendous amount of brainpower, dedication, and time to be successful, but the rewards are numerous. Through music, students develop skills in leadership, cooperation, and teamwork. Performing in the band helps build self-esteem, confidence, and pride of accomplishment. In countless educational studies it has been found that playing an instrument reinforces math and reading skills, enhances fine and gross motor coordination, encourages critical thinking, and is a contributing factor in higher SAT scores.

As the band director at NMHS, I have high but realistic expectations for our students. This handbook will outline the band policies and give you an overview of the band program here. Once you have read the handbook you will know what to expect from the program as well as what I expect from you as a musician and a student.

After reading the handbook, if you still have questions or comments, PLEASE contact me with these concerns. I enjoy meeting with both parents and students to help better the program so please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached via email at hhaderthauer@newmilfordschools.org or via phone at 201-265-8661. During after school rehearsals, if there is an emergency, I can be contacted on my cell phone at 551-206-9883. I also invite you to visit the district wide music department website at [www.newmilfordnjmusic.com](http://www.newmilfordnjmusic.com) for updates, handouts, and rehearsal schedules.

I look forward to talking to and getting to know you! Musically,

Mrs. Heidi Haderthauer

Rehearsals:

Students have a band period scheduled into their day during zero period. Zero Period runs from 7:10am-7:55am every morning. This is a 5-credit course and has the same weight as any other course you will be taking during the school day.

**Zero Period Schedule:**

7am – Arrive at the front entrance; ring the doorbell, and go to your locker.

7:10am – Come directly into the band room, take out your instrument and music, and begin warming up.

7:15am – Class Begins

7:20am – Attendance is taken

7:25am – Arriving anytime after this is considered a tardy. You must sign in with the time and reason.

7:35am – No credit for the class. After 15 absences you will be dropped from the band program.

Pencils are required at all rehearsals for notation purposes. Failure to bring their instrument to rehearsal will result in a “no credit” for that rehearsal grade. Students are expected to be prompt and on time for all rehearsals. Chronic tardiness and absences have a direct impact on the 30% band grade. For any ensemble to be successful, it is important for every band member to be at every rehearsal. A missing member from the ensemble not only hurts the individual’s progress, but also hinders the success of the entire group. The student’s grade is based on total rehearsal time with the ensemble along with their technical performance and knowledge of the band literature.

Any student having difficulty with the technical demands of the band literature may request extra help at any time after school. Extra credit is always given to those who go above and beyond the basic practice regiment.

During rehearsals, there shall be no talking while the conductor is standing behind the music stand. Every piece of information given is important to all musicians.

At the end of each class, musicians should clean out their instruments, return them to their cases, and put them in their lockers. All instruments must be labeled to identify the owner! I will be keeping a list of all students’ instruments serial numbers in case of theft or misplacement.

**Students may only play their own instrument.**

Preparation:

Students are expected to come to each rehearsal with their instrument, instrument accessories (reeds, valve oil, sticks, etc.), their folder (including band music and lesson book) and a sharpened pencil.

**Students must have a 3 ring binder filled with sheet protectors for their music. This will cut down on the loss of sheet music, keep it safe, and prevent tearing. Please have this by Friday September 14th, 2018.**

The music department uses the “Essential Elements 2000” method book. Please make sure that you own the correct book. The NMHS Band uses Essential Elements 2000 Book 3.

All students must have **their own** book at each rehearsal.

Daily rehearsals may consist of, but are not limited to the following areas:

1) Assigned scales or warm-ups

2) Lesson Books

3) Technique and or Etude assignments

4) Band Literature

5) Audition Literature

Grading

Each rehearsal is worth 100 points.

50 points = completion of practiced assignments

30 points = preparation (having all materials) and participation

20 points = attendance

Practice is essential! All band members are encouraged to practice a minimum of 120 minutes per week. Students who practice 30 minutes 5 days a week OR 45 minutes 4 days a week will have the greatest success. Feel free to break up this time into 15-minute periods of time to keep motivated. Practice is considered a daily homework assignment for band class. Instruments left repeatedly overnight in the band room will result in a lowered homework grade and are not safe.

HELPUFL HINTS FOR PRACTICE:

∙ Develop a routine for practice – practice when you get home or right after dinner. Do some homework in between your practicing.

∙ Warm up your instrument and yourself by doing some deep breathing exercises and lip slurs.

∙ Warm up your fingers by playing scales, slowly at first.

∙ Practice the assigned lesson material or music part. Don’t spend time on the parts you can already play – go right to the spot that you can’t play and gets you frustrated.

∙ If you have an audio recorder, record yourself performing and listen to it.

**PARENTS: Please encourage your students to practice their music!!**

***Practicing is rewarding. Practicing is frustrating. Practicing makes you better. Practicing is required!***

Concerts:

**Both winter and spring concert performances are mandatory! Any unexcused absence to a concert will result in a failing grade!** If a student is very ill or has a family emergency, they should contact their director immediately. Illness or family emergency are the only excused absences that are deemed acceptable. In this case, an assignment will be required for their grade.

Concert Dress:

NMHS has established a uniform policy for all public concerts. The following items are required:

MEN: A Black collared shirt with tie

Black dress pants

Black socks

Dark shoes (preferably black) NO SANDALS OR JEANS!

WOMEN: Long Black Dress purchased through the music department. Students will be trying these on during the first week of school. More information TBA.

**ANY PERFORMER WHO ARRIVES AT A CONCERT AND DOES NOT MEET THE PERFORMANCE ATTIRE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM AND WILL BE MARKED AS MISSING THE CONCERT.**

Social Media

Please visit our district music website to keep updated with events and meeting times. [www.newmilfordnjmusic.com](http://www.newmilfordnjmusic.com). We are also on Twitter @NMHSKnightBand

Private Study

Every student may seek private instrumental instruction along with school provided lessons. This gives the student the opportunity to excel far beyond their regular lesson regimen due to the one on one environment given in a private lesson. If any student is interested in studying privately, please contact Mrs. Haderthauer to obtain a list of recommended teachers.

Auditions:

Bergen County Band – November 27th, 2018

North Jersey Region Band – January 5th, 2019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2018-2019

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| September 11, 2018 | 7:15am | SnapRaise Fundraiser Speaker and Kick-off |
| September 12, 2018 | 7:00pm | Mandatory Parent Meeting about Disney World Performance Trip – Auditorium |
| September 14, 2018 | n/a | Disney World Deposit Due! ($250/traveler) |
| October 3, 2018 | 7:15am | Meeting During Zero Period regarding Mattress Fundraiser |
| October 10, 2018 | n/a | SnapRaise Fundraiser Completed |
| October 13, 2018 | 10am-5pm | Mattress Fundraiser in Cafeteria |
| October 16, 2018 | 5:00pm | Ashley Farms Fundraiser Kickoff |
| November 12, 2018 |  n/a |  Disney Payment #2 Due |
| November 15, 2018 | 7:00pm | Tri-M Induction Ceremony |
| December 13, 2018 | 7:00pm | Winter Concert |
|  December 17, 2018 |  n/a |  Disney Payment #3 Due |
|  January 21, 2019 |  n/a |  Disney Payment #4 Due |
|  February 22, 2019 |  n/a |  Disney Payment #5 Due |
|  April 11-15, 2019 |  n/a |  DISNEY WORLD!! |
|  May 17, 2019 |  8am-2pm |  Bergen County Teen Arts Festival |
|  May 22, 2019 |  7:00pm |  Spring Concert |

Please view [www.newmilfordnjmusic.com](http://www.newmilfordnjmusic.com) for updated schedule information.

VERIFICATION PAGE

DUE: Friday September 14th, 2018

As a member of the NMHS Concert Band, I agree to carry out the following:

✓ I will display EXEMPLARY behavior at all times – including cooperation, spirit, and pride in myself, my school, and in all performing groups.

✓ I will have a HELPFUL AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE and will give 100% effort during ALL

classes, rehearsals, and performance and I will be quiet and cooperative.

✓ I will show RESPECT to myself, my peers, adults, and all property of NMHS.

✓ I will keep my instrument in good working order and have the necessary supplies to play.

✓ I will attend all concert rehearsals and evening concerts, except in the event of illness, family emergency, or other pre-arranged excuse. I will remain for the entire concert to support all NMHS music students. Failure to follow these procedures will result in a lowered grade.

✓ I will wear the required concert dress in a modest manner with dignity and pride.

✓ I will practice my instrument!!

I, , have read the entire band handbook and understand the contents and

Parent/Guardian agree to abide by its policies.

I, , have read the entire band handbook and understand the contents and

Student

agree to abide by its policies.

Date:

Caretakers’ E-mail Addresses: (Please print legibly) xxxx@xxxxxxx.xxx

Phone Number: