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Crookston Band Handbook

“Band of Pirates”



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I have read the handbook and understand all obligations and information for participation in the Crookston Band program. I will do my best at all times and will meet all performance requirements.

Student printed name (print clearly)

Student signature

As a parent of a Crookston Band member, I understand that the director is asking for my help in seeing that my son/daughter carries out the responsibilities outlined in this handbook. I will do everything in my power to ensure that my son/daughter abides by the policies outlined in this handbook.

Parent signature

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Dear Parents,

Here we go on another great year. I look forward to keep working with your children to achieve new heights. If there is anything you need to know about me it is that I work hard, try my very best to be organized and am very excited to work with your children. My expectations for them are the same they can expect of me: work hard, be respectful, and communicate. If we all accomplish these three goals the program will soar to great new heights. Please take a moment to view the new band web page www.crookstonbands.weebly.com

One thing that is ever-present in every great band program is parent support. For every student that participates in band (or any of the arts) there is at least one parent or guardian behind the scenes shuttling that child to practices and performances, investing in musical instruments and supplies and in the crowd at every performance cheering them on. As someone who was on stage in front of his parents not too long ago, I can attest to the fact that even though they may not say or show, your child greatly appreciates the efforts you put in behind the scenes, and even though they may look away when you wave to them on stage, they were secretly looking for you in the audience!

Being new to the community I have a great number of names and faces to learn, and I am ready to try (however my wife often tells me that if it weren't Velcroed to my army uniform I might just forget my own name)! So please come up and introduce yourself anytime you see me. On that same note and as we prepare to embark on this new year together I am looking for parent volunteers with "special" skills. I have attached a form (page 9) that has several ways one could help out, and if one of them is your area of specialty, please fill out the form and send it back with your student.

As with any interpersonal cooperative organization, communication is key. As the director I will strive to keep you and your child informed of performance and rehearsal dates (see attached schedule and band website) and will do my best to communicate any changes as early as possible. Should scheduling conflicts arise, as they undoubtedly will, please make an effort to communicate them as soon as they are realized. This will allow us to find a solution without the added stress on yourself, your child, or me that is sure to be present if we are trying to fix a conflict for a concert tomorrow. Should you have a scheduling issue, or any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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High School Concert Band

The High School Concert Band is open to all high school students, grades 9 – 12. The band performs two concerts a year, one in December and one in May. Students also have the ability to participate in several local honor bands, and solo and ensemble contests. An activity fee of \$63.00 provides these and other opportunities for students and allows them to participate in the marching band. There is also an additional fee of \$63.00 for students wishing to use school owned instruments. This fee covers the purchasing of new instruments as well as necessary maintenance. The uniform for concert band men is black pants with black sox, black shoes, black long sleeve button up shirt with a white under shirt. Women should wear a black skirt (that covers below the knee while seated) or black pants with a black top that covers the shoulders. Members of the concert band are also expected to participate in the Marching band and Pep band.

High School Concert Band Schedule

September		
29	NDSU Festival (Select Participants)	All Day
October		
24	Army Field Band Concert in Grand Forks (Optional)	5:30 – 9:30
November		
1	Northland Community College Honor Band (Select)	All Day
29	Fall Concert at CHS Auditorium	7:30 (7:00 call time)
January		
18-20	UND Honor Band at UND Campus (Select Participants)	All Day
February		
13	Solo Contest at East Grand Forks High School	All Day
April		
12-17	Florida Music Trip	All Day
29	AAA Banquet CHS Commons	6:00
March		
27	Instrumental Ensemble Contest at East Grand Forks	All Day
11	Large Group Contest	TBD
May		
13	Spring Band Concert at CHS Auditorium	7:30 (7:00 call time)
24	Graduation (Band Plays) at UMC	TBD
27	Memorial Day Band (Volunteers)	9:25 @ Cemetery

Jr. High Concert Band

The Jr. High Concert Band is open to all high school students in 7th and 8th grade. The band performs two concerts a year, one in November and one in May. Students also have the ability to participate in solo and ensemble contests. Band students are asked to pay an activity fee of \$44.00 to help fund the cost of music and other equipment for the band. There is also an additional fee of \$63.00 for students wishing to use school owned instruments. This fee covers the purchasing of new instruments as well as necessary maintenance. The uniform for Jr. High band, choir and orchestra is a school polo (rented for \$5 a year, or available for purchase for \$15) and khaki pants.

Jr. High School Concert Band Schedule

November			
	20	Concert with Jr. Orch and Choir in CHS Auditorium	7:30 (7:30 call time)
May			
	8	UMC Jr. High Music Festival	Afternoon
	20	Concert with Jr. Orch and Choir in CHS Auditorium	7:30 (7:30 call time)

Marching Band

The marching band is primarily composed of high school concert band members, grades 9-12 (select 8th graders may be allowed to participate with director approval). The marching band is active throughout the summer and early fall participating in several local and regional parades. The CHS marching band season is already half over and there are just a few events left in the season. Once classes begin we will hit the ground running with new music for concert band, but we will also continue to polish the marching tunes and will spend roughly one day a week outside on the field working on our marching. For these days it is important that you have water, good marching shoes (**not flip fops**), and outdoor wear. The expectations for marching band events are that everyone is at each event (practice and performance) unless they are in another school sponsored activity. Any students who know they have a conflict with a marching band date need to communicate that well in advance to the director so that a solution may be found. Any unexcused absence will adversely affect the student's grade in band. The marching band is a distinctive source of pride for the school and Crookston community so we must make sure we have all students available to put our right foot forward (and by right I of course mean Left!).

September			
	8	UND Potato Bowl Parade	8:45 am Report @ CHS Band Room
	21	CHS Homecoming	6:45 pm Report @ UMC Stadium
	22	UMC Homecoming Parade	9:30 am Report @ CHS Band Room
November			
	3	UND Band Day @ Grand Forks	7:45 a.m. -5:30 p.m.

Crookston High School Pep Band

The pep band provides musical entertainment and school spirit for various school sports, including: football, basketball, hockey, volleyball, and wrestling. Due to the nature of the activity, students need to be willing to make a substantial time commitment to participate. Each quarter students will be asked to attend a portion (generally 65%) of the pep band events scheduled. Students should use the dates below to plan work schedules to allow for attendance at these events. For students in sports, a suitable number of events will be selected based upon the number of events that do not conflict with your games. In addition to the 17 (generally) regularly scheduled pep band events throughout the year, students need to be ready to attend play off games. All possibilities are listed below. We will not play all of these, just be prepared if our teams do make it into the playoffs. Since these dates are being communicated well in advance, work will not be considered an acceptable excuse.

1st Quarter Must attend 3 of 5 (Homecoming Mandatory for all)

September			
	13	Volleyball vs. Sacred Heart	6:45 Report to Band Room
	21	Football vs. Perham (Homecoming Mandatory)	6:25 @ Stadium
	25	Volleyball vs. Thief River Fall	6:45 Report to Band Room
October			
	8	Volleyball vs. Fisher	6:45 Report to Band Room
	12	Football vs. Thief River Falls	6:25 Report to Stadium
	17	Football vs. Detroit Lakes	6:25 Report to Stadium

~~~~~ End of First Quarter ~~~~~

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Must attend 6 of 9 (excluding Playoffs)

|          |    |                                             |                          |
|----------|----|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| November |    |                                             |                          |
|          | 27 | Girls Basketball (Community Pep Band Night) | 6:45 Report to Band Room |
| December |    |                                             |                          |
|          | 4  | Boys Hockey                                 | 6:45 Report to Arena     |
|          | 6  | Girls Hockey                                | 6:45 Report to Arena     |
| January  |    |                                             |                          |
|          | 10 | Boys Hockey                                 | 6:45 Report to Arena     |
|          | 22 | Girls Hockey                                | 6:45 Report to Arena     |
|          | 26 | Girls Basketball                            | 6:45 Report to Band Room |
|          | 31 | Wrestling                                   | 6:45 Report to Band Room |
| February |    |                                             |                          |
|          | 1  | Girls Basketball                            | 6:45 Report to Band Room |
|          | 7  | <i>Girls Hockey Playoff</i>                 | <i>TBD</i>               |
|          | 11 | <i>Girls Hockey Playoff</i>                 | <i>TBD</i>               |
|          | 12 | Boys Hockey                                 | 6:45 Report to Arena     |
|          | 14 | Boys Basketball                             | 6:45 Report to Arena     |

~~~~~ End of Second Quarter ~~~~~

3rd Quarter attendance requirement TBD

| | | | |
|-------|-------|--|------------|
| | 14 | <i>Girls Hockey Playoff</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| | 19 | <i>Boys Hockey Playoff</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| | 21 | <i>Boys Hockey Playoff</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| | 23 | <i>Boys Hockey Playoff</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| | 28 | <i>Boys Hockey Playoff</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| | 28 | <i>Girls Basketball Playoff</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| March | | | |
| | 5 | <i>Girls Basketball Playoff</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| | 7 | <i>Boys Basketball Playoff</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| | 8 | <i>Girls Basketball Playoff</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| | 9 | <i>Boys Basketball Playoff</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| | 13-16 | <i>Girls Basketball State Tournament</i> | <i>TBD</i> |

Crookston Jazz Band

The jazz band is an auditioned group that is open to students who are currently enrolled in concert band. The jazz band rehearses after school two days a week beginning late fall, and will be offered if sufficient student interest exists.

Fee's

In accordance with the student handbook and to help ease the burden of extra costs of many co-curricular activities, the following fee's are charged. Each fee is per student and per instrument. There is a maximum music fee of \$275.00 per family (excluding instrument fee's).

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| High School Concert Band Fee | \$63.00 |
| Jr. High School Concert Band Fee | \$44.00 |
| Usage of School Owned Instrument | \$63.00 |

Use of School Equipment

Due to the nature of the activity, students may be given school equipment to be used both in class and in performances. This equipment (including music) is given with the understanding that it will be returned in the condition it was given. Any damage or loss will result in fee to cover repair and/or replacement.

Instrument Supplies and Repair

Most supplies can be purchased and repairs completed at Poppler's Music in Grand Forks, ND. Whenever bringing an instrument in for repair always ask if they might have a loaner instrument that can be used until the repair is finished (sometimes this is free of charge). If you do not often find yourself in Grand Forks you do not need to make a special trip, throughout the year Poppler's has a road representative that stops at the school generally every-other week. If you need an instrument repaired or need supplies, call Poppler's to set up payment and they will pick up and drop off the instrument or supplies. Also, there are some accessories available for purchase from Mr. Brandt that are listed below.

Woodwind Accessories

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Clarinet Reed | \$3.00 |
| Alto Sax Reed | \$3.00 |
| Tenor Sax Reed..... | \$3.00 |
| Bari Sax Reed | \$3.00 |
| Cork Grease | \$2.00 |
| Silk Swab | \$10.00 |
| Polishing Cloth..... | \$4.00 |

Brass Accessories

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Valve Oil..... | \$3.00 |
| Slide Cream..... | \$3.00 |
| Cleaning Snake | \$5.00 |
| Polishing Cloth..... | \$5.00 |

Poppler's Music Inc.
4924 HWY 2 W
Grand Forks, ND 58208
www.Popplersmusic.com
(701) 746-7471
(800) 437-1755

School Year Hours
8:30 – 5:00 M-F
9:00 – 5:00 S

Student Leadership

Student leadership is vital to the success of this organization. In order for the band to achieve its full potential each and every student must take ownership in the group. To facilitate this, several formal student leadership positions will be established including: a Concert Master/Drum Major, and Section Leaders. Additionally students are encouraged to seize any further leadership opportunities that may arise.

Concert Master/Drum Major – The drum major reports directly to the director and duties include but are not limited to: conducting the band in the directors absence, organizing stage crew, facilitating the attendance record and over seeing the section leaders.

Section Leader – The section leaders report to the drum major, or to the director and their responsibilities may include the coordinating and conducting of small group rehearsals (sectionals) and reporting section attendance to the drum major.

Private Lessons

As one might expect, private lessons on a musical instrument are the best way to improve performance skills. The one-on-one approach allows the student to benefit from the individual attention as opposed to a teacher monitoring a class of over fifty. A recent survey of students in the All-State Band revealed that approximately 80% of the students in the band studied privately. Students are generally more inclined to practice diligently for a weekly music assignment and this discipline increases the student's enjoyment with their instrument. I am able to offer private lessons outside of the school day for \$15 a half hour or can certainly provide you with the name of other teachers in the area.

Disney Trip

As most of you are undoubtedly aware, spring of this year (2013) the music department will be making their trip to Disney, Orlando, Florida. This trip is open to all high school students (9-12) currently in a music class (band, choir, orchestra). Additionally, all band students must be in good standing within the program (ie. no unexcused absences from performances including pep band and marching band). Early estimates indicate the trip will likely cost \$1,600 - \$1,700 per student.

Crookston Band Master Schedule 2012-2013

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|-----------|---|---------------------------------|
| September | | |
| 8 | MB UND Potato Bowl Parade | 8:45 am Report to CHS Band Room |
| 13 | PB Volleyball | 6:45 Report to Band Room |
| 21 | MB CHS Homecoming | 6:25 Report to UMC Stadium |
| 22 | MB UMC Homecoming Parade | 9:30 am Report to Band Room |
| 25 | PB Volleyball | 6:45 Report to Band Room |
| 29 | HCB NDSU Festival (Select Participants) | All Day |
| October | | |
| 8 | PB Volleyball | 6:45 Report to Band Room |
| 12 | PB Football | 6:25 Report to UMC Stadium |
| 17 | PB Football | 6:25 Report to UMC Stadium |
| November | | |
| 20 | JCB Concert with Jr. Orch and Choir in CHS Auditorium | 7:30 (7:30 call) |
| 27 | PB Girls Basketball (Community Pep Band Night) | 6:45 Report to Band Room |
| 29 | HCB Concert @ CHS Auditorium | 7:30 (7:00 call) |
| December | | |
| 4 | PB Boys Hockey | 6:45 Report to Arena |
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| 10 | PB Boys Hockey | 6:45 Report to Arena |
| 18-20 | UND Honor Band at UND Campus (Select Participants) | All Day |
| 22 | PB Girls Hockey | 6:45 Report to Arena |
| 26 | PB Girls Basketball | 6:45 Report to Band Room |
| 31 | PB Wrestling | 6:45 Report to Band Room |
| February | | |
| 1 | PB Girls Basketball | 6:45 Report to Band Room |
| 12 | PB Boys Hockey | 6:45 Report to Arena |
| 13 | HCB Solo Contest at East Grand Forks High School | All Day |
| 14 | PB Boys Basketball | 6:45 Report to Band Room |
| March | | |
| 18 | HCB Instrumental Ensemble Contest at East Grand Forks | All Day |
| TBD | HCB Large Group Contest | |
| April | | |
| 12-17 | Florida Music Trip | All Day |
| 29 | AAA Banquet CHS Commons | 6:00 |
| May | | |
| 8 | JCB UMC Jr. High Music Festival | Afternoon |
| 13 | HCB Spring Band Concert in CHS Auditorium | 7:30 (7:00 call) |
| 20 | JCB Concert with Jr. Orch and Choir in CHS Auditorium | 7:30 (7:30 call) |
| 24 | HCB Graduation Performance (UMC) | 7:00 (6:15 call) |
| 27 | HCB Memorial Day Band (Volunteer) at Cemetery | 9:25 |

Legend

MB – Marching Band

HCB – High School Concert Band

JCB – Jr. High Concert Band

PB – Pep Band

Parent Profile Form

The key to a successful program is the support of staff, students, and, especially, the parents. If you can be of assistance in any of the following areas, please volunteer your time and talents. There is nothing more rewarding than being an active member of a fine organization, and your involvement speaks volumes about how you value the choices your child makes. Please indicate any task in which you are willing to help during the year by placing a check mark next to the appropriate activity.

- _____ Uniforms
- _____ After Concert Snacks
- _____ Video Taping/Editing
- _____ Photography
- _____ Carpentry
- _____ Chaperone
- _____ Other skills you think may help the band program:
Please list: _____

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Thank you!