

River Road Middle School Band
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Band Director

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<http://www.teacherweb.com/NC/RiverRoadMiddleSchool/Band> -Band Website

A detailed copy of the 2009-2010 RRMS Band Handbook is located on the band website listed above. It is several pages long and should answer most questions that you may have concerning our band program. Below, I have provided some brief information taken from our Handbook to give you an overview as well as a calendar of dates on the back of this handout.

INSTRUMENTALISTS' EXPECTATIONS

1. **BE PREPARED!** *Always* bring your instrument and supplies, music, notebook/folder, pencil, and a positive attitude to rehearsal everyday to receive full credit for your daily grade.
Remember: **To be on time is to be late; to be early is to be on time!**
2. **KEEP IT CLEAN!** Leave the room in better order than it was left (chairs, stands, etc.) It is your responsibility to pick up any trash left in your area, regardless of who left it there.
Never bring food, drinks, candy, gum, etc. into the band room!
3. **RESPECT OTHERS** rights to space, speech, property, and opinion. **Touch only equipment that is yours-nothing else!**
4. **PARTICIPATE** actively in everything that the band is doing. Tardiness, excessive talking or movement, distasteful playing, playing your instrument out of turn, or any behavior that disrupts rehearsal will not be tolerated.
5. **ENJOY MAKING MUSIC!**

Student Evaluation

The grading policy for my class will be on a point system. Each assignment will be allocated a certain number of points that it is worth by me. When grading the assignment, I will award students the amount of points they earned out of the total that the assignment was worth. Then, when computing the final average for the grading period, I will add up the number of points on all assignments that your student has earned, and divide that by the number of total possible points thus far into the grading period. For those of you who took band last year, this is the same way grades were computed in the past. Student grades will be determined by assignments and performance in the following areas: Work Ethic, Tests, Quizzes/Homework Checks, Written Assignments.

Band Calendar 2009-2010

Please mark the following dates on your calendar as soon as possible to avoid conflicts. Please keep in mind that due to the difficulty in projecting our calendar for the entire school year, some dates may be subject to change. In the event that this occurs, you shall be notified as soon as I am aware of the change.

August 25	First Day of School	
September 8	Deadline to obtain an instrument or be dropped! Deadline to pay rental fees!	
September 30	Football Game (8 th Grade Only)	TBA
October/November	Fall Fundraiser	TBA
December 5	Elizabeth City Christmas Parade (8 th Grade Only)	TBA
December 15	RRMS Winter Concert (ECSU Fine Arts Auditorium)	7:00 pm
December	School Assembly Concert (RRMS Gym)	TBA
January 9	All-District Band Auditions, Greenville, NC (Select 7 th and 8 th Grade)	TBA
February 5 & 6	All-District Band Clinic, Greenville, NC (Select 7 th and 8 th Grade)	TBA
March 18	Music in Our Schools Month Concert (8 th Grade Only)	TBA
March 19	School Assembly Concert (RRMS Gym)	TBA
April 16 & 17	Albemarle Band Clinic, First Flight Auditorium, Kill Devil Hills, NC (Select 7 th and 8 th Grade)	TBA
May	SAT Awards (Sheep Harney Auditorium)	TBA
May 14	RRMS Spring Concert (ECSU Fine Arts Auditorium)	7:00 pm
May	School Assembly Concert	TBA

6th Grade Supply List

Students will need to bring the following to class everyday:

- ♪ Standard Of Excellence Book 1 for your specific instrument*
- ♪ A 2 pocket folder for handouts
- ♪ Loose leaf paper in the folder
- ♪ Pencil

Students should have the following supplies with their instruments:

- ♪ Flutes: thin cleaning cloth and a cleaning rod (the rod should come with your instrument)
- ♪ Clarinets: cleaning swab, cork grease, a reed guard or reed jacket (holds and protects 2 or 4 reeds, depending upon the model) and a box of 2.5 strength reeds** (most clarinets will come with a swab and cork grease, if you are using a used clarinet, please make sure you have these supplies)
- ♪ Trumpets/Baritones: valve oil, slide cream or grease, dry cleaning cloth, valve brushes, snake (nylon covered wire with brushes on each end), and mouthpiece brush. (More than likely, valve oil will come with your instrument)
- ♪ Trombones: slide oil, trombone snake (nylon covered wire with brushes on each end), dry cleaning cloth, and mouthpiece brush. (More than likely, slide oil will come with your instrument)

*If you ordered your instrument through Music and Arts Centers (through the meeting held here at school), please check your paperwork to see if you purchased a book and/or care kit when you purchased the instrument. If that is the case, the book and/or care kit will be delivered when the instruments are delivered. Care kits should include most of the cleaning supplies that you may need for band class.

Books and supplies can be purchased at the following locations:

Chauncey's Pawn Shop & Music - 404 S. Hughes Blvd.
Elizabeth City, NC

Albemarle Music Center – Ehringhaus Street (next to Pizza Hut)
Elizabeth City, NC

Music and Arts Center – 1412 Greenbrier Pkwy (across from
Greenbriar Mall)
Chesapeake, VA

7th Grade Supply List

Students will need to bring the following to class everyday:

- ♪ Standard Of Excellence Book 2 for your specific instrument
- ♪ A 2 pocket folder for handouts
- ♪ Loose leaf paper in the folder
- ♪ Pencil
- ♪ It is strongly recommended for students to have a metronome for at home practice. (There is a free metronome online. You can get to it from the RRMS band website by using the links page.)

Students should have the following supplies with their instruments:

- ♪ Flutes: cleaning cloth and a cleaning rod (the rod should come with your instrument)
- ♪ Clarinets: cleaning swab, cork grease, a reed guard or reed jacket (holds and protects 2 or 4 reeds, depending upon the model) and a box of 3 strength reeds
- ♪ Saxophones: cleaning swab, cork grease, neck strap, a reed guard or reed jacket (holds and protects 2 or 4 reeds, depending upon the model) and a box of 3 strength reeds**
- ♪ Trumpets: valve oil, slide cream or grease, dry cleaning cloth, valve brushes, snake, and mouthpiece brush. Trumpet players may be expected to obtain a straight mute this year.
- ♪ Trombones: slide oil, trombone snake, dry cleaning cloth, and mouthpiece brush.
- ♪ Baritones/Tuba: valve oil, slide grease, and mouthpiece brush
- ♪ Percussion: All Percussionists are expected to perform on mallet instruments as well as snare and auxiliary percussion. Percussionists will be allowed to take their assigned school mallet kit home with them for practicing once rental fees are paid. All percussionists must have a pair of snare drum sticks, a pair of keyboard mallets, and a stick bag for all classes. The stick bag will travel between home and school. It is recommended that percussionists use Vic Firth American Custom SD 1 snare drum sticks, and Musser M14 (or equivalent) keyboard mallets. Each stick and mallet should be marked with the student's initials. For safety reasons, drum sticks and mallets may not be carried around the school building unless they are secured in a stick bag. The bag will also reduce the number of "lost" sticks. One pair of sticks and mallets will come with the kit at the beginning of the year, when these become lost it is your responsibility to obtain replacements at the local music store.

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Greenbriar Mall) Chesapeake, VA

8th Grade Supply List

Students will need to bring the following to class everyday:

- ♪ Standard Of Excellence Book 3 for your specific instrument
- ♪ A 2 pocket folder for music and handouts (Mrs. Williams will give you this)
- ♪ Loose leaf paper in the folder
- ♪ Pencil
- ♪ It is strongly recommended for students to have a metronome and a tuner for at home practice. (Metronomes can be found online for free.)

Students should have the following supplies with their instruments:

- ♪ **EVERYONE WILL WANT TO GET A LYRE & FLIP-FOLIO FOR PEP BAND MUSIC**
- ♪ Flutes: cleaning cloth and a cleaning rod (the rod should come with your instrument)
- ♪ Clarinets: cleaning swab, cork grease, a reed guard or reed jacket (holds and protects 2 or 4 reeds, depending upon the model) and a box of 3.5 strength reeds
- ♪ Saxophones: cleaning swab, cork grease, neck strap, a reed guard or reed jacket (holds and protects 2 or 4 reeds, depending upon the model) and a box of 3.5 strength reeds
- ♪ Trumpets: valve oil, slide cream or grease, valve brushes, dry cleaning cloth, trumpet snake, and mouthpiece brush. Trumpet players may be expected to obtain a straight mute.
- ♪ French Horns: Rotor Oil, slide grease, snake, dry cleaning cloth, and a mouthpiece brush
- ♪ Trombones: slide oil, trombone snake, dry cleaning cloth, and a mouthpiece brush.
- ♪ Baritones and Tuba: valve oil, slide grease, dry cleaning cloth, snake, and mouthpiece brush
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