

# Advanced Band

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## Welcome to Advanced Band!

**Course Description:** The focus of Advanced Band is to continue to develop the basic skills and musicianship needed to excel in band and to prepare students for the high school band experience. Students will learn to play higher, lower, faster, slower, and with more musicianship! We will spend the majority of the year focused on performing wind band literature while still spending time on basic skills.

## Changes from Intermediate Band:

1. Student performance at all concerts is graded as part of a large project that also includes in class testing, homework, and personal practice. Think of it as the final or test for the project. Please see the attendance policy on this.
2. ALL STUDENTS MUST OWN THEIR OWN INSTRUMENT. The only exception is tuba, bass clarinet, and baritone saxophone.
3. Advanced band is not a required class, therefore because students are choosing to be here, there is a higher expectation of commitment and engagement.
  - a. **Example:** Students need to pass skills tests and complete all assignments, concerts are mandatory and graded, and we expect students to try their best in class and in their personal practice.
4. There will be more emphasis on student achievement in individual goals and less on basic participation. Grades will reflect a student's performance level as a musician and as a student.
5. Students must meet goals and building requirements in order to perform and travel with the group. If a student is not able to perform for some reason, they will be given alternate assignments in order to facilitate learning and in order to give them the instruction they need in order to catch up or to learn at their own pace.

## Expectations:

1. Students want to learn! Want to play! Students want to get better!
2. Students maintain their instruments and supplies.
3. Students help maintain the band room and everything in it.
4. Students practice Daily vs. Weekly. A little practice every day is far better than practicing for an hour one day of the week.
5. Students analyze their strengths and identify areas to improve.
6. Students attend and participate at all performance events.
7. Students follow all school and classroom procedures and rules.

## Required Materials:

Instrument	Needed Materials
Woodwinds (Clarinet, Saxophones)	-Minimum of 3 working reeds at all times (not flutes) -Cleaning swab appropriate to instrument -Rovner Ligature, cork grease, and mouthpiece brush (sax and clarinet)
Flutes	-Flutes need a flute rod/cloth and body cleaning cloth.
Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba)	-Valve oil -Slide grease -Mouthpiece brush -Cleaning cloth
EVERYONE	-Ipad for all PDF documents -Pencil every day -A 1 inch 3-ring Binder with clear plastic inserts for class work.  -Measures of Success Book 2 (orange book)

## Schedule:

Updated information and trip sheets, concert sheets, and event sheets will be found at **[redregimentband.weebly.com](http://redregimentband.weebly.com)**

Advanced Band students will have multiple home concerts this year.

Saturday, September 9th	Grape and Fall Festival Parade
Friday, October 20th	MS Band Night at Varsity Football Game
Thursday, October 26	End of Season Recording Session
- This is only for the students involved in Marching Band	
(DATE TBA)	Veteran's Assemblies
December 2nd	Christmas Concert
December 4th 6-8 PM	Fine Arts Winter Showcase
(Date TBA-March)	Mid 2nd Semester Concert
Friday, April 19 Time TBA	MSSBDA Festival in St. James
Spring Reward Trip -	Date and Time TBA
Palen Clinic -	Date and Time TBA

End of the Year Concert -  
Graduation -

May 14th Rehearsal at 5 PM/Performance at 6:30 PM  
Friday, May 17th

### **Concert Attendance:**

Student performances at all concerts are graded as described earlier. Known absences need to be communicated 3 weeks prior to a performance in order to receive a make-up opportunity for the absence. Allowed absences would be cases such as sickness (fever or vomiting or worse), family emergency, or funerals. As long as absences are communicated properly, students will be able to earn all of the points for that assessment. Students that miss concerts will have to record their own performance with a play along recording and complete a concert reflection based off of that performance. Life always throws curve balls so if you end up with a situation, please know that we will work with you to find a solution. Just call, text, or email a director and we will work with you!

### **Late Work:**

The Middle School allows late work. Students who do not complete an assignment by the due date will be placed on the ICU list until the assignment is completed. You may notice either a zero or a dash in a grade. A zero means the assignment was graded as not turned in or inadequately completed and a dash means the assignment has not been graded yet or we have given extra time before grading. If you notice any zeros, assume that your student needs to get the work turned or completed. We can take late work up to the semester grading period. Students do not have any reason to have zero credit on an assignment! Students can also redo any assessments that they would like to score higher on. We hope students take advantage of that!

### **Travel Expectations:**

The Advanced Band will be traveling this year. When we travel to performances, the performances are required, therefore so is the travel by school bus. The school supplies transportation for us to and from the events at no cost to the families!

### **Instruments:**

If you do not have your own instrument yet, we recommend Palen Music and Metz's Music for rental instruments. If you need help finding an instrument, please contact the directors.

### **Remind:**

We will be using the remind app as another means of communication this year. To join the Advanced Band Remind text @stjadvband to 81010.

### **Discipline and Communication:**

We don't have a lot of discipline issues in the band room but if they arise, the directors will call home if we have an issue with your student **or** we will have the student call home for minor issues like forgotten instruments or silly classroom behavior. For more serious offenses, we will use the school discipline code, but we will also call home to discuss the issue.

If at any point an issue arises with your student in band, we hope you will call or email us personally so we can work it out. If you need to talk to us, feel free to call us immediately or send us a text if it is after hours. We will get back with you ASAP to resolve the problem.

We hope everyone is ready to have a great year!

**2023-2024**  
**Advanced Band Syllabus Acknowledgment**

I have read and understand the expectations and policies outlined in the St. James Advanced Band Syllabus.

Student Name - Please Print \_\_\_\_\_

Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name - Please Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: August 2023