

Annawan Junior High Band

Mr. Smaga

Phone: (309) 935-6781

jsmaga@annawan226.org

Music Website: <http://annawanmusic226.weebly.com/>

Welcome to Band! I am looking forward to this upcoming year. There are events and performances planned, and I truly hope that we can grow together as musicians and develop a true love for music!

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Be in the classroom when the bell rings.
- Have your instrument ready and be seated 3 minutes after the bell to start rehearsal.
- NO chewing GUM or using your CELL PHONES in class.
- Be attentive when the teacher is talking.
- Handle instruments and other musical equipment with care.
- Give your best effort every day and have FUN!

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- A Pencil
- Your Instrument
- Folder with Music

Instruments and Music

Students may keep their instruments and music at school throughout the week in the designated areas. Here are the following rules; a student unable to follow the rules will lose participation points.

- Instruments or case may NOT be left out after rehearsal. Cases must be put on the shelf and percussion instruments and sticks are put away.
- Music and Folders must be put back into the student's assigned slot after rehearsal
- Instruments and Music MUST be taken home on the weekends and breaks

OBJECTIVE

To create entertaining music for the audience, as well as, the performer, while implanting new and old musical concepts into each musical composition.

Jazz Band

Jazz Band is an extracurricular activity that meets before school on Monday and Friday from 7:30 to 8:10am starting on Monday September 21st. The Jazz Band will perform at different events throughout the year. It is a great opportunity for students to broaden their musical experience. Jazz Band is only open to 7th and 8th graders.

GRADING

Active Participation in Rehearsal – 5 points per day

Active participation in rehearsal is defined as listed below:

- On time and ready to start as indicated
- Come prepared with a pencil and other required materials

- During rehearsal, you are focused, attentive, striving to improve, and playing your instrument when asked to.

Every other week students will have a lesson during their gym period and receive participation points.

Playing Tests – 32 points per Playing Test

- Scale Exam (Once a month)
- Rhythm Exam (Once a month)
 - Percussion will be tested on one rudiment as well

*Will be tested by instruments on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month

Performance Attendance – 100 Points

- Unexcused absences will result in a 0% for each mandatory performance. You are required to be at every mandatory band performance. If there is a conflict your parent **MUST** email me at least **1 WEEK** beforehand. If the absence is due to illness you must have a written note signed by your parent on the next school day. Additionally, failure to adhere to the dress code will lower your grade.

5-16 Band Season

*Call time is when the students need to arrive for the Event

*Every Event with a “+” before the date is mandatory for all band students

+ 10/14 Fall Concert (JrH Band and Choir, HS Choir) = 7:00pm

11/13 Café Night Music Fundraiser (Jazz Band and A Cappella)

+ 12/8 Band and Choir Holiday Concert = 7pm (**Call Time 6:15pm**)

4/11 Café Night Music Fundraiser (Jazz Band and A Cappella)

+ 5/4 Spring Concert = 7pm (Call time 6:15pm)

Please fill out the bottom sheet (please tear off bottom) and turn in by **Wednesday 8/19**

Student Name: _____

I am participating in Junior High Band for the 2015-16 school year and have read through the Band Syllabus and understand the class expectations and procedures.

Interested in Jazz Band: yes / no

Student Signature: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____