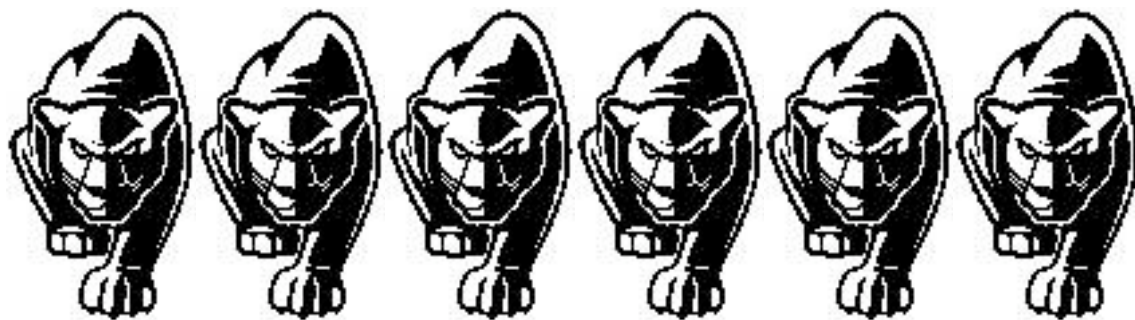




**PETAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND**

# **HANDBOOK**

## **2006-2007**



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### **1. Attendance**

Attendance will be taken every day at the beginning of class by an assisting director for that period. The list will be posted outside the door for office officials to collect.

### **2. Tardies**

Every student is expected to be in his or her seat when the bell rings with all of the materials required to participate in class. Students who are tardy will have to serve a tardy detention in the main office with Mrs. Rester. Remember, students have to be seated, ready to go when the bell rings to not be considered tardy. We have very little time during our class period.

### **PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE**

*PERFORMANCES ARE REQUIRED. REMEMBER PERFORMING IS THE REASON YOU SIGNED UP FOR BAND. IT IS THE REWARD FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU DO. IF EVERY MEMBER IS NOT IN ATTENDANCE, IT IS NOT AN ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF YOUR HARD WORK.*

*UNEXCUSED PERFORMANCE ABSENCES WILL RESULT IN THE STUDENT HAVING TO WRITE A 5 PAGE PAPER ON A TOPIC OF THE DIRECTOR'S CHOICE. I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD LEAD TO AN ABSCENCE. I ADVISE PARENTS TO PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH THE DIRECTORS IMMEDIATELY IF AN EMERGENCY ARISES.*

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Beginner Band Activities/Fees

## Required Performances

**Christmas Concert**  
(Evening)

**WL Smith Concert  
for 5th Grade Class**  
(During School Hours)

**Annual Spring Concert**  
(Evening)

## Optional Activities

**Fall and Spring  
Solo and Ensemble  
Competitions**  
(Students compete for prizes.)

**Private Lessons**  
(Available once a week during class hours or after school.)

## Band Fee

**\$20.00**  
(That's it!!! For the Year!!)

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Activities/Fees

## Required Performances

(1) Middle School Football Game  
Performance  
(Evening)

Veteran's Day Performance  
w/Petal High School Band  
(Afternoon)

Christmas Concert  
(Evening)

District V Honor Band Auditions  
(During school hours)

District V Honor Band Clinic  
(For those students that make the band.)

South Mississippi Band Festival  
Gulfport, MS  
(Band trip during school hours.)

Annual Spring Concert  
(Evening)

## Optional Activities

**Fall and Spring  
Solo and Ensemble  
Competitions**  
(Students compete for prizes.)

**Private Lessons**  
(Available once a week during class hours or after school.)

## Band Fee

\$15.00 Band Fee

\$20.00 Band Shirt

\$20.00 Bus Fee for  
Contest Travel

\$7.00 District V  
Honor Band Audition  
Fee

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Activities/Fees

## Required Performances

(1) Middle School Football Game  
Performance  
(Evening)

(1) High School Football Game  
Performance  
(Evening)

Veteran's Day Performance  
w/Petal High School Band  
(Afternoon)

Christmas Concert  
(Evening)

District V Honor Band Auditions  
(During school hours)

District V Honor Band Clinic  
(For those students that make the band.)

South Mississippi Band Festival  
Gulfport, MS  
(Band trip during school hours.)

Annual Spring Concert  
(Evening)

## Optional Activities

Fall and Spring  
Solo and Ensemble  
Competitions  
(Students compete for prizes.)

Mississippi Lion's All-State Band Auditions  
(For advanced students only.)

Private Lessons  
(Available once a week during class hours or  
after school.)

## Band Fee

\$15.00 Band Fee  
(Due 1st Semester.)

\$7.00 District V  
Honor Band Audition  
Fee  
(Due 1st Semester.)

\$20.00 Bus Fee for  
Contest Travel  
(Due 2nd Semester.)

### 3. Grades

Grades will be taken according to the test schedule. Each grade will be recorded and will count towards the student's final average. After every test students will be re-seated for chair placement based on their test grade.

#### Evaluation

Grade evaluations will consist of scale, rudiment, and music pass-off. Class participation grades will be awarded each day in class.

### Class Participation Grades

Students will be graded daily on class participation. Students will receive 10 points a day. For each class disturbance or lack of participation, the student will lose one point per offense. 3 consecutive offenses in one class period, the student will be placed in isolation from the band. 10 offenses in one class period, the student will be referred to the office and placed on the Petal Middle School Discipline Ladder.

### **4. Class Materials**

Students are expected to bring all materials to class every day. This will ensure that we are able to give the student quality instruction every day.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Materials consist of the following:

1. Instrument/Pad
2. Mouthpiece/Reed/Sticks/Mallets
3. Method Books
4. Music

A list of required Beginner Band Materials are listed below.

\* If the student does not bring his or her materials to class, the student will be placed on the *Petal Middle School Band Discipline Ladder* accordingly.

### **5. Petal Band Website**

The Petal Band now has a website! You can log on by going to:

<http://www.petalbands.com>

Parents and students will be able to get the most up-to-date information about what is going on with your child and the band. All letters that will be sent home, band dates and information will also be posted on the website. Stay “in the loop” by visiting the website often. You can also have dates and information e-mailed to you by signing up on the band’s e-mail mailing list. Coming soon, you will be able to privately check you child’s band fee balance and pay your band fees online!

## **5. 8th Grade Band Runners**

During the Fall High School football season, we choose twelve (12) 8th grade band students to serve as assistants to the High School Band. Band runners will be chosen by an audition, interview and a short half page resume. The date for this selection will be determined at a later time.

Band members are required to attend after school practice at the high school band hall every Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. until the end of marching season (around early November.) You may arrange a ride for your child or bus transportation to the high school can be arranged.

Band runners must attend every football game and band contest unless otherwise notified by the band directors. Contests are held on Saturdays during October and we will probably attend 3 or 4 of them this year. Runners will have specific jobs assigned to them to help the band. The High School Band works very hard during marching season and they deserve to have runners who they can depend upon.

On away trips, runners will ride a designated bus and only be allowed to sit with other band runners -not with the high school students. The only cost for runners will be the cost of the charter bus seat when the band goes to contest (3-4 times). This usually runs about \$20-\$25 per trip. The Booster Club provides a bottle of water and a snack after the half-time show. They may wish to bring some snacks on the bus, but they may only bring drinks with a screw top lid and non-messy foods (no buckets of chicken).

During football games, runners are required to sit with the band in the stands unless requested to help with the equipment, water, etc. except when the band has free time (3rd quarter). They are not allowed to wander off alone on away trips, but are required to have a buddy with them during 3rd quarter or a band parent chaperone with them at other times. This is for their safety (and your peace of mind).

Runners are expected to cooperate with the band directors and parent chaperones at all times. High school band members are not allowed to boss the runners.

It is exciting to be part of the High School Band, but it is also hard work. Being a runner allows 8th graders an opportunity to see what high school band is all about. Please discuss these issues with your child to make sure they are willing and able to meet all the requirements.

### **\*Special Note:**

**The 8th Grade runners NOT BE traveling to Hollywood, CA with the High School Band.**

# **2006 – 2007 PETAL BEGINNER BAND**

## **EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS INFORMATION**

- FLUTE:**
- Tuning rod
  - Wipe cloth-commercial or small cloth of t-shirt like material
  - Standard of Excellence - Book 1 - Flute
  - Name on instrument case
  - Silver plated instruments are preferred
  - PREFERRED BRANDS: Yamaha, Armstrong, & Gemeinhardt
- CLARINET:**
- Five reeds, Rico brand, strength 3
  - Reed holder or guard
  - Swab to clean instrument
  - Mouthpiece cover
  - Wipe cloth-commercial or small cloth of t-shirt like material
  - Standard of Excellence - Book 1 - Clarinet
  - Name on instrument case
  - WOODEN BODIED INSTRUMENTS ARE PREFERRED  
(Plastic bodied instruments are acceptable for middle school use only.)
  - Mouthpiece - B45
  - PREFERRED BRANDS: Yamaha, Artlet, Noblet 40 or 45
- SAXOPHONE:**
- Five reeds, Rico brand, strength 3
  - Reed holder or guard
  - Neck and body swabs (two separate swabs)
  - Wipe cloth-commercial or small cloth of t-shirt like material
  - Standard of Excellence - Book 1 - Alto Saxophone
  - Name on instrument case
  - PREFERRED BRANDS: Yamaha, Vito, Selmer
- TRUMPET:**
- Mouthpiece brush
  - Leadpipe snake
  - Valve oil
  - Tuning slide grease
  - Wipe cloth-commercial or small cloth of t-shirt like material
  - Standard of Excellence - Book 1 - Trumpet
  - Name on instrument case
  - Mouthpiece - 7C
  - Trumpets with a 1<sup>st</sup> valve saddle are preferred
  - PREFERRED BRANDS: Yamaha, Bach, Holton
- TROMBONE:**
- Mouthpiece brush
  - Slide Snake
  - Slide Oil
  - Tuning slide grease
  - Wipe cloth-commercial or small cloth of t-shirt like material
  - Standard of Excellence - Book 1 - Trombone
  - Name on instrument case
  - Mouthpiece-12C
  - PREFERRED BRANDS: Yamaha, Bach, Holton
- PERCUSSION:**
- NEED PAD AND BELL KIT
  - Hard rubber bell mallets
  - Vic Firth SD-1 General snare sticks
  - Stand for bells and pad (both should fit on same stand)
  - Standard of Excellence - Book 1-Need percussion and bell book
  - A Fresh Approach to Snare Drum – by Mark Wessels

- A Fresh Approach to Mallet Percussion – by Mark Wessels
- Name on instrument case
- 18" ruler (preferably Westcott stainless steel from Wal-Mart)
- 3 ring binder with plastic protective sheets to put music in
- Small digital metronome (calculator size)-purchase at music store and it needs to subdivide 8<sup>th</sup> notes

FRENCH HORN:

- Farkas MDC (medium deep cup) mouthpiece
- Standard of Excellence - Book 1 – French Horn
- French Horn Cleaning Kit (contains Rotary Oil, Tuning Slide Grease, Wipe cloth-commercial or small cloth of t-shirt like material, and other cleaning supplies)

# **PETAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND DISCIPLINE LADDER**

## **Band Materials**

Band materials consist of:

1. Instrument/Pad
2. Mouthpiece/Reed/Sticks/Mallets
3. Method Books
4. Music

***A signed letter of proof from a parent is required for students having instruments repaired. Please send a copy of the repair receipt.***

## **Forgotten Band Material Offense**

Writing Assignment

Student is given a grade of "0" for the day.

Parents will be notified with a letter.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Offense or more in a Nine week span**

Writing Assignment

Student is given a grade of "0" for the day.

Parents will be notified with a phone call.

Student is written up

*(\*Writing Assignment = Writing until class period ends from a music journal.)*

*If the student does not complete writing assignment in the class period, then an additional material will be added to the assignment each day it is not completed. The student will not be allowed to rehearse with the band until the assignment is completed.*

## **Class Participation/Disrupting Class**

- Students will be graded daily on class participation. Students will receive 10 points a day.
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## Petal Middle School Band Classroom Rules

1. Students will not disrupt the learning environment.  
Excessive talking and noise; playing instrument without permission; horseplay; Etc...
2. No food, gum, candy, or beverages will be allowed in the band hall or anywhere else in the fine arts building.
3. Instruments, music, notebooks, and pencils are required for daily participation.
4. All students are required to take his/her instrument home daily.
5. Students must listen and follow directions promptly.
6. Students must demonstrate a cooperative and positive attitude.  
*Accept constructive advice and perform to the best of his/her ability during the school day, as well as, public performances.*
7. The phone will only be used for emergencies! Each student should inform his/her parents of the time to be picked up before coming to school.
8. Students must have name on instrument case.
9. Students will be in their seat ready to play when the tardy bell rings.
10. Students should have only materials needed for class at his/her chair.  
(Instrument, pencil, notebook, music) **NO BOOKBAGS AT YOUR SEAT!!**
11. Students will bring their instruments to the bandhall when the morning band bell rings, and pick them up at break. A specific cubby will be assigned to you and your instrument.
12. ONLY band students are allowed in the bandhall at all times.

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE SHEET**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Student's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_