

## PARENT SUPPORT

An essential ingredient in any successful public school music program is parental support! It is just as important at the secondary level as it is at the previous levels. In the High School we have an active program beginning with the parades, half-times, contests, concerts, etc. which takes a lot of *commitment* from the students and their families. Being in band takes time, patience and a lot of hard work to put together a program that one can look back on with pride. One can find numerous reasons to quit: lack of time or part-time jobs, however, skills received in the music program will far outweigh those short-term activities.

Parents please encourage your child to:

1. Stay with the program.
2. Practice assigned music.
3. Be on time.
4. Keep you informed of activities.
5. Keep the Director informed.
6. Keep a positive attitude!

## DISCIPLINE

Traditionally, music students are usually the best students, both in terms of academics and conduct. However, the very nature of band class (both the high level of concentration required for optimum performance and the fact that the entire band is armed with noisemakers), demands that it be more structured than that of a regular classroom.

I do feel that in order to have an excellent band, a high level of discipline is a necessity. I have seen many, High Schools, and WITHOUT EXCEPTION, the best bands are those that are highly disciplined. I don't think this is a coincidence.

## WELCOME

Welcome to Murphysboro High School. This handbook is our way of giving you the necessary information for being a member of Murphysboro High School Bands.

You are responsible for all of the information found within this book. Please read it carefully. Your experiences and friendships in Murphysboro High School Bands will be a part of you forever.

## 2020 FALL EVENTS

July 27-31, Aug 3-7	Band Camp
Aug 22	Meet the Teams
Sept 4	Home Football Game
Sept 16	Recruitment Tour Elementaries
Sept 18	Pet & Hobby Parade
Sept 19	Grand Parade/Drums @ Appletime
Sept 25	BBQ Performance/Home Football Game
Sept 26	Field Competition McKendree
Oct 3	Field Competitions Washington, MO/Carterville
Oct 9	Home Football Game
Oct 12	ILMEA Auditions
Oct 17	Field Competition Francis Howell North
Oct 23	Home Football Game
Oct 24	Field Competition Ste Genevieve
Oct 29	Fan Appreciation
Oct 31	Field competition Belleville East

REHEARSALS ON MON AND THUR 6-9 PM!

\*ALL REHEARSALS – REQUIRED

\*ALL PERFORMANCE – REQUIRED

MISSED PERFORMANCES AND/OR REHEARSALS  
WILL COUNT AGAINST YOUR GRADE UNLESS  
APPROVED BY MR. WILLIAMS!

## BAND BOOSTERS

### (Crimson Express & Company)

Murphysboro Band Parents & Boosters have become an integral part of the success of our Band Program with the Crimson Express & Co. Membership is open to anyone who would like to participate. We have numerous committees that need people and we can always use additional volunteers. COME JOIN US, WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

## CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. Please, no talking during rehearsal.
2. Respect the property of others and the school.  
IF YOU DON'T OWN IT, DON'T TOUCH IT!
3. Be in your seat and ready when the bell rings.
4. Respect this room. Put things where they belong.
5. All MHS Handbook rules and regulations apply.

## GRADING

- You will receive 50 points for each performance.
- You will receive 10 points for each rehearsal.
- Playing tests (not announced) 100 points.
- Students will be evaluated on tone quality, technique, musicianship, rhythm, and pitch.
- Extra Credit will be assigned at the discretion of the Director.

## ATTENDANCE

Your attendance, both at rehearsals and performances, is necessary and expected. I would also hope that your family will avoid our dates for family vacations.

There are two basic excuses I will accept for absence:

1. Illness.
2. Family emergency.

Obviously, everyone gets sick once in a while and that is certainly excusable. I believe that students should be able to participate in other school activities. However, conflicts arise. I cannot help you if you do not let me know about the conflict well in advance.

A word about work: I will NEVER accept work as an excuse to miss. School should be your top priority at this time in your life. Whenever you will be absent from a rehearsal/ performance (except for an emergency), I must know as far in advance as possible. I will expect a note from your parents. This note informs me of the reason for the absence – A NOTE DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY EXCUSE AN ABSENCE!

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Field trips, performances, or festivals outside of class are still considered a school function. At these events, you are a representative of Murphysboro High School and should act in a manner that would leave a favorable impression with everyone you encounter. All school rules apply at these events. These rules are listed in your student handbook.
2. Band members who break these rules on these events will face possible suspension from school, band, and/or future trips and in severe cases, expulsion from band.

## PERFORMANCE AND CONCERT ATTIRE

All band students will need to purchase a Red Crimson Express T-shirt and a pair of khaki shorts. These will be worn at some Marching Band performances as well as all home Basketball games. Also, students will need to have a black t-shirt and black socks to wear underneath their Marching band uniform. Concert Band members will need to be fitted for a tuxedo (gentlemen) and will be responsible for having it (on) at all Concert Band performances. Ladies will need to have all black evening wear for Concert band. Jazz Band attire is yet to be determined.



# 2020 - 2021 MHS Bands Handbook

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MHS BANDS HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

Please sign and return back to Mr. Williams ASAP!

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and reviewed the  
MHS Bands Student Handbook. I understand the Classroom  
Expectations, Attendance Policy, Grading Policy,  
and Performance Attire.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_