



SJCS Grade 6 Band Program

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WELCOME!

I invite all new or returning students to read through this letter. Some changes have been made from Grade 5 Band. Private lessons are strongly encouraged for ALL students but are not required.

• **Grade 6 Band**

- ❖ Open to any Sixth Grader with at least one-year of band experience.
- ❖ Meets every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

• **Grade 6 Students with no previous band experience**

- ❖ Please note that any Grade 6 student who wishes to join the band but has NO BAND EXPERIENCE must first take private lessons. A try-out will be required before entrance to the formal band program. Please see Mrs. Baham. We have successfully enjoyed new students in our Grade 6 Band for many years.

STUDENT SUPPLIES

- **Yamaha Advantage Book 2** (orange cover) will be used. Purchase ASAP. Local music stores carry this book. Call for availability.
- **Four mechanical pencils, two colors of highlighter, and one set of 50 spiral bound note cards.** These items will be needed and used all year starting the first week of school.
- **Instrument Supplies** vary for each instrument. Purchase a supply kit for your instrument at the music store. Also, reed instruments should have 3-4 reeds available at all times.

PRACTICE

- 120 minutes/week needed for an “A” practice grade. Practice sheets must be turned in weekly.
- **Please help your child succeed by arranging and keeping a daily practice routine.**

CONCERTS & REHEARSALS

- All concerts are required: November 20, 2009 (Friday), May 21, 2010 (Friday).
- All rehearsals are during school hours and are required.

EVALUATION

- Letter grades are given to band students based on their skills, practice habits, music theory knowledge, posture, instrument care (responsibility), and concert attendance. Band grades are part of the GPA.

STUDENT COMMITMENT

- School policy states that band commitment is for the entire school year. Band participation may be terminated **ONLY** at the semester with the agreement of student, teacher, parent, and administrator.

MY COMMITMENT

I am committed to the SJCS band program. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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◆ Grade 6 Band Enrollment 2009-2010◆

- Student name _____
- Instrument Choice _____
(Reminder: If a student changes instruments from the previous year, private lessons are required outside of school time.)
- Parent/Guardian phone number(s) _____
- **Student signatures** (Please sign each one):
 - 1) I understand that being in band requires responsibility and discipline. I will cooperate during rehearsal. _____
 - 2) I **will** set up a daily practice routine to keep for the entire school year.

 - 3) I understand I am required to practice at least 120 minutes every week.

 - 4) I will bring my instrument, instrument supplies, music, two highlighters, and pencils to every rehearsal. _____
- **Parent signature:**
 - 1) I understand that my child's commitment to band is for the entire school year.
 - 2) I will take the time to set up a specific practice routine with my child.
 - 3) I will encourage my child to practice daily.
 - 4) I will purchase the book(s) and supplies listed above.
 - 5) I understand that attendance at all concerts is required: November 20 (Friday Christmas Concert), May 21 (Friday "Concert on the Green").

(Parent/guardian signature)

(Date)

**Return this form to Mrs. Baham or to the office
by Friday, August 28.**