

# **CJTH BAND HANDBOOK**

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## **Music Calendar**

### **Fall 2018**

September 28	Carl Junction Homecoming Parade @ 1:15 PM (8th only)
October 8/9	Midwest Trumpet Festival at Pittsburg State University
October 12	Home Football Game/Senior Night/Combined Show
December 2	Carl Junction Christmas Parade
December 7	Christmas Concert for 7th/8th/HS/Jazz Bands

### **Spring 2018**

January 11	JH Honor Band Auditions at Joplin HS
January 19	JH Honor Band Rehearsal and Concert at Webb City HS
February 7	Step-Up Instrument Night
February 15	Jazz at the Junction
March 2	Pittsburg State University Jazz Festival
March TBD	7-12 Concert HS Gym?
April 4	Strafford Music Festival (7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> )
April TBD	JH Solos/Ensembles
May 16	6th/JH Concert at the Auditorium

## **Discipline Policy**

In order to maintain an effective rehearsal and use our time to the full outcome, the following will be observed.

### ***Classroom Commitments***

1. I will wait to talk until appropriate times.
2. I will bring all required materials to class.
3. I will play my instrument only when instructed.
4. I will keep the band room clean.
5. I will only keep my instruments and music in my band locker.
6. The only food and drink I will bring into the band room is a clear bottle filled with water.
  - a. Exception: Lunch boxes ONLY if you go to lunch after class.
7. I will respect myself and others.

### ***Consequences***

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Verbal Warning
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Conference with Teacher
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Contact with Parent(s)
4 <sup>th</sup> Offense	Disciplinary Referral to Principal

### **Severe Discipline Clause**

In the event a student blatantly and/or maliciously causes a serious classroom disruption, the severe disciplinary clause will take effect and the student will immediately be taken to the principal's office.

**This discipline policy has been approved by the Administration of the Carl Junction Jr. High School.**

### **Grading Policy**

#### **Rehearsal Criteria** (10 points per day)

- Student on time for rehearsal
- Instrument and appropriate materials
- Attentive and exhibiting good conduct
- Attendance to all rehearsal sessions
- Performing music at a proficient level
- Students missing rehearsals may make-up daily points by completing the Daily Points Make-Up assignment found in Canvas.

#### **Performance Criteria** (200 points per performance)

- Student on time for performance warm-up and/or roll call.
- Instrument and appropriate materials and clothing
- Attentive and contributing to a good performance
- Individual part performed at a high level of proficiency.
- Student stays for entire performance(watches all bands in concert)
- Performances are an important part of the band experience and, as such, are a part of our curriculum. Therefore, the performances **are not considered optional**. However, we do understand that some students will have extenuating circumstances that will make them unable to attend. Student illness, a death in the family, and other family emergencies will be counted as excused absences provided we have written documentation from the parent/guardian. An excused absence will require an alternative assignment in which the student may make up to 100% of the grade. An unexcused absence, such as purposefully skipping, sports games, staying home to watch a TV show, or being a competitor on Jeopardy will also lead to an alternative assignment. The student will only be allowed to make up 80% of their grade in a case such as this.

### **Playing Tests (25-100 points)**

- Scales
- Book 1 or 2
- Honor Band Etudes
- Excerpt of music being rehearsed

**We will be using the Junior High grading scale as listed in the Junior High Student Handbook.**

### **General Information**

**Equipment for class:** Sharpened pencil, instrument, music and music book. During marching season, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will need tennis shoes for marching, **no sandals**.

**School owned instruments:** If you play a school instrument, you are responsible for its care. This includes cleaning and paying for any damage done to the instrument. The required \$25 fee will help to cover cleaning and maintenance through the school year and over the summer.

**Instrument storage:** Students may leave their instrument at school when they do not have time to practice at home some evenings. **Mark all the belongings in your case.** The storage lockers can be locked with a combination lock provided by the student, provided the band director has the combination. Only instruments and music are to be stored in the instrument lockers. Students taking instruments home may pick them up in the band room.

**Uniforms (8):** The 8th grade band will wear the red band shirt, jeans, black socks, and black shoes for the Homecoming Parade. For the Combined Show performance the 8th grade band will wear the red band shirt, black pants, black socks, and black shoes. Each student will be checked out a uniform jacket to wear in the Christmas Parade along with your black pants, black socks, and black shoes. You will also have the option of wearing a Santa hat if you purchase one on your own. If you do not purchase a Santa hat you will need to wear a band hat from the uniform closet.

**Uniforms (7):** For the Combined Show, 7<sup>th</sup> grade band students will need to wear black pants, black socks, and black shoes with the red CJ band shirt.

**Concert Attire:** The concert uniform will be worn at junior high band indoor performances unless otherwise noted by the director. It consists of a black dress shirt, black dress pants, (ladies may wear a long, black skirt), black socks, and black dress shoes. Ladies may consider wearing black tights in addition to their skirt.

**Recommended outside practice:** 30 minutes, three to four times a week outside of school time. Instrument lockers should be empty each Friday!

**Lessons:** If you are interested in private lessons, a director will help you find a private instructor. Lessons are encouraged for every band student.

**Jazz Band:** Meets as a full class each day during 5<sup>th</sup> Hour. Entry is by audition only. You must be enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade band in order to participate in JH Jazz Band.

**Eligibility:** Students receiving disciplinary notices from the band or JH office may be subject to ineligibility of performance especially on performance trips. Eligibility will also be considered in terms of grade in band as well other classes (especially if band trip is during school day). Whether or not a student is allowed to perform will be determined by the band director.

### **Transportation Policy**

All band members must ride school transportation to and from away events.

- **Step 1: Students may ride home with parents providing they have submitted a transportation release to the band director prior to the event.**
- **Step 2:** If the student is to ride home with a parent after an event, please sign the student out with the band director. This is for the protection of all students. Liability issues dictate that after an away event, band students may NOT ride home with anyone other than their parent/guardian. We do not want to have any confusion when it comes to transporting students from away events.
  - In order to ride home with another parent it is up to the parents to call the Junior High office, (not the band office) to confirm this is okay. The band directors will also need a written note from both parents.
- Any violation of this policy will result in a parent-teacher conference to determine the eligibility of the student concerning upcoming away events. All school rules apply during these events. Any violation will result in consequences established in the Junior High Student Handbook.

### **Contact Information**

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