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HANDBOOK FOR ORCHESTRA STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS 2012-2013

PLEASE READ, SIGN AND RETURN **BOTH** SIDES of the ***YELLOW***  PAGE BY:

***WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29, 2012***

**BAND & ORCHESTRA CALENDAR**

**DATE EVENT**

Thursday, August 23, 2012 AMS Open House- 5:00-7:30

Monday, August 27, 2012 First Day of School

Tuesday, August 28, 2012 7th & 8th Grade Students must bring instruments to school, and take home to practice EVERY DAY.

**Wednesday, August 29, 2012 ALL YELLOW FORMS DUE signed and completed!**

Friday, August 31, 2012 Last day for 6th grade students to sign up for Band/Orchestra

Monday, September 10, 2012 6th Grade students must bring INSTRUMENTS & BOOK or drop class

Monday, September 10-21, 2012 MUSIC FUNDRAISER: Attractions Coupon Book

**Tuesday, December 4, 2012 FALL CONCERT— REQUIRED ATTENDANCE for ALL STUDENTS---Concert Begins at 7:00pm in AMS Gym**

\*\*\*\*\*\*DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6:00pm—DO NOTdrop your child off before then\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**Concert Call—Students must be in Band Room, unpacked, ready to tune and warm up by the following times:**

 **6:15 pm 7th & 8th Grade Orchestra**

**6:25 pm 6th Grade Orchestra**

**6:35 pm 7th & 8th Grade Band**

**6:40 pm 6th Grade Band**

Saturday, January 5, 2013 All-District Band Auditions at EB Aycock Middle (7th and 8th gr Only)

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Saturday, February 1-2, 2013 All-District Band Clinic & Concert ECU School of Music

Saturday, March 2, 2013 Auditions- Jr. High Eastern Reg. Orchestra(7 & 8 only)

 Southwest HS-Jacksonville, NC

Thursday, March 21, 2013 All-County Orchestra Concert 6:30 pm South Central HS (8th gr only)

Friday, March 22-23, 2013 All-County Band Concert South Central HS (7th & 8th gr only)

**Thursday, April 11, 2013 SPRING CONCERT----REQUIRED ATTENDANCE for ALL STUDENTS---Concert At 2:00pm during school in AMS Gym----Dress to Impress Day**

Saturday, May 4, 2013 Jr High Eastern Reg. Orch Clinic/Concert—Ligon GT School-Raleigh

**DAILY CLASS RULES 2012-2013**

1. Bring your Instrument, MUSIC and your BOOK EVERYDAY!

2. TAKE YOUR INSTRUMENT HOME EVERYDAY!

3. Instrument must be in good playing condition with:

ORCHESTRA: BOOK/MUSIC, (6thgr. *Essential Elements 2000 Book 1)*

 Rosin

 Shoulder Rest/Sponge

 Dry cloth (untreated)

BAND: BOOK/MUSIC (6thgr. *Essential Elements 2000 Book 1)*

 Extra new reeds

 Cleaning swabs/brush

4. No Food, Drinks, Gum, Candy or Bookbags allowed in the classroom.

5**. Be polite, respectful and responsible at all times**.

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**AYDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND and ORCHESTRA**

**GRADING POLICY 2012-2013**

**50% DAILY PERFORMANCE GRADES:**

* **100 = Assignment prepared, all materials brought to class**
* **50 = Assignment not prepared, or student failed to bring materials, or student left instrument at school overnight, or fingernails (for string players only) are too long**
* **0 = Forgot to bring instrument or does not participate**

**25% TEST GRADES, WHICH CAN INCLUDE:**

* Written tests, Playing tests, Concert preparations and Performance

**25% PRACTICE RECORD:**

I will provide a chart every 9 weeks for each student’s record of daily practice time. I collect practice records each Monday, and every minute practiced is a point of their weekly Practice Chart grade for a maximum of 100 points each week. **ALL BAND AND ORCHESTRA STUDENTS MUST PRACTICE A MINIMUM OF 100 MINUTES OUTSIDE OF CLASS TO RECEIVE FULL CREDIT FOR THAT WEEK.** Practice records may be signed by the parent/guardian to receive 10 points extra credit. Practice Cards will not be accepted after Tuesday and will turn into a grade of a 0, unless a student has been absent.

**Extra Credit** (Up to 3 extra credit grade opportunities each 9 weeks)

Students earn extra credit by performing outside of school orchestra activities (such as for a All-County event, community concert/event, etc.) and by attending approved concerts and other performances that relate to class work. Students must bring in a written/typed program from the event.

**Grade Expectation**

This class is not an “easy A.” Success does require some effort and regular practice. However, students who bring their materials to class each day, follow directions, practice and study for tests will be successful in this class. A grade of “C” or less indicates a lack of effort rather than a lack of ability. Please let your child know that you expect him or her to do well in this class.

**CONCERT RULES AND REGULATIONS 2012-2013**

**1. ALL students are required to perform at any given concert scheduled for a group.** Exceptions to this rule are only granted in extreme circumstances, such as sickness or death of an immediate family member(s). *However, a letter signed by parent or guardian must be presented to the director, at least 3 days in advance, in order for an excused absence to be granted.*

**2. Any student receiving an unexcused concert absence** will automatically receive a concert grade of “0,” for that particular marking period (concert grades receive 25% of the grade for that marking period.) Furthermore, that student and his/her parents will be required to have a conference with the orchestra/band director to decide whether or not he/she will be allowed to participate in any upcoming trips. The decision to allow the student to participate is solely that of the music director.

**3. Any student receiving more than one unexcused absence from a concert** will be required to remove him or herself from the Ayden Middle School Orchestra or Band program.

**4. A student’s participation in any orchestra/band trip** will be based on that student’s conduct in class and school, as well as, maintaining an **academic average and an orchestra/band class grade** no lower than “85” or “B.” In addition, all trip fees must be paid in accordance with the timetable set by the director. Solely the orchestra/band director will determine any final decisions regarding trip participation.

**FORMAL CONCERT ATTIRE: DRESS to IMPRESS!**

 **LADIES**: Nice LONG dress, LONG skirt or slacks, with a dressy blouse (shoulders must be covered.). NO SKIRTS SHOULD GO BELOW THE KNEE WHEN SITTING. You will not be allowed to perform until changed into appropriate clothes. If a change of clothes does not arrive in time for your child to perform, then grade will result in a zero.

 **Only SIMPLE jewelry may be worn (nothing should get caught on or clang against your instrument) Please wear reasonable dress shoes, either flats or a modest heel. (remember you will need to sit in the bleachers during some of the performance—please be safe.)**

 **GENTLEMEN**: Dress slacks, Shirt tucked in, with a collar, tie is optional but preferred, with dress shoes.

***All clothing must follow the Pitt County Schools’ Dress Code.***

**BAND & ORCHESTRA SUPPLY LIST:**

**-1 Box of Tissues From EVERY STUDENT-to Band Room**

**-Pencils for your child (NO INK PENS ALLOWED)**

**-ID/Luggage Tag for their instrument case**

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ORCHESTRA/BAND INFORMATION PACKET AGREEMENT 2012 - 2013

I have received, read, understand, and agree to the Ayden Middle School Orchestra/Band handbook regarding student requirements, expectations, activities, dates, grading rules and trips for the 2012 - 2013 year.

I understand that when receiving information this early in the year there may be possible changes in actual dates and scheduling of special activities, as well as the addition of other orchestra/band related events. I also understand that, in regarding such changes and additions, I will be notified as soon as possible when and if such changes take place.

All orchestra/band information for the 2012 - 2013 school year will be available by way of the following:

 1) Student progress reports

2) Student/parent email

3) Teacher’s e-mail: whiteL@pitt.k12.nc.us

4) Information letters home w/students

5) [www.aydenbandandorchestra.weebly.com](http://www.aydenbandandorchestra.weebly.com)

Please understand that, the purpose of this packet is to provide you with information regarding the school year, in order to help coordinate orchestra, band, school and the MANY other activities in our busy lives. Please be sure to mark your calendars. Your child is VERY VALUABLE to our orchestra and band program, and their participation in orchestra activities is very important!!!

I am looking forward to another GREAT year in music!!!

Sincerely,

Lisa D. White, Orchestra & Band Director

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

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

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***Return YELLOW forms by Wednesday August 29, 2012.***