

HONOR BAND

Purpose of Honor Band: To build a sense of community, responsibility, discipline and self confidence. Students will engage in activities that will promote the band program and themselves in a positive manner, and they will only benefit from their involvement. Those who choose to participate will be recognized for their achievements at the Spring Concert. They will receive a special medal of honor that can be worn for Graduation, and their names will be put on a special framed certificate that will be displayed prominently in the band room for years to come. Those who choose not to participate will receive a standard certificate of participation in band.

How to achieve Honor Band status: Students will need to meet the following requirements:

1. Maintain an A average in band for the school year, per the grading scheme.
2. Display a positive attitude!
3. Complete two individual projects listed below:
 - a. Participate in Pep Band in the Fall or Jazz Band in the Spring – this includes attending all scheduled rehearsals and performances for each group. Information on each of these bands will be coming soon!
 - b. Actively participate in Solo and Ensemble Contest.
 - c. Spend at least 5 hours during the course of the year sharing your musical talents through volunteering, which must be documented by a responsible adult. This could include playing at church, in a nursing home, at a hospital, etc. Mrs. Grabot has the official documentation forms available by request. (Solo and Ensemble people will have the option to serve at least 1 hour of this at some point this school year when we go to Rolling Hills.)
 - d. Mentor younger students – Mrs. Grabot and Ms. Such will accept limited applications for this, which will involve modified lessons and time spent helping 6th grade students on a regular basis. (8th grade only)
 - e. Band Librarian/Set Up crew – this also must be applied for through application. Mrs. Grabot and Ms. Such will accept 2 – 3 students who would like to assist keeping the band room neat, handing out music and notes to go home, and generally assist the band director when needed.
 - f. Concert Set Up Crew – Students who sign up will be responsible for staying after school (2:30 – 3:30) on concert days to help set up the bands in the gym. We will take 8 volunteers per band.
 - g. Publicity – Students create original concert posters to post around the school, promoting each concert. Posters will need to be approved by the directors. (3 students per band) the directors will supply information that will need to be included.
 - h. Surprise us! Bring us your own idea for a project, and we can discuss it and see if it fits the criteria and purpose of the Honor Band.

7th and 8th grade students need to fill out the attached intent form, get it signed by their parent(s) and return to Mrs. Grabot or Ms. Such NO LATER THAN the BPMS Open House on September 19th. Failure to return the contract indicates that your child will NOT be participating in the Honor Band program, and will not receive Honor Band status in May.

BAND RINGS Forms will be sent home in December for 8th grade students and/or parents who are interested in purchasing a band ring for their child. These rings are made to order, so parents will need to send payment with the order. For your budgeting consideration, the cost of the rings averages between \$35 - \$40. More ordering information will be sent home in December.

STUDENT NAME _____

INSTRUMENT _____

BAND/TEACHER _____

By signing this document, I am acknowledging that I would like to be considered for Honor Band. I agree to the terms listed regarding grades and attitude, and I would like to do the following activities during the course of the school year:

1. _____

2. _____

I am also aware that there are limited openings for some of the projects, and if I am not accepted for one position, I am willing to work with my director to find another suitable option.

Upon successful completion of this program, I will achieve Honor Band status.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

No, I do not wish to participate on Honor Band this year.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____