

Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School

* WELCOME TO BAND *

2006 - 2007

IMPORTANT DATES and (REVISED) INFORMATION

(Share these papers with your parents. Mark the dates on your home calendar.)
This document is also located on the Middle School Music Department Website.

SCHEDULES & CALENDAR INFORMATION

RECEIPT for materials - 5 points

- * Returned & signed by parent.

LESSON SCHEDULES will be available
by Sept. 21st. Listen for an announcement.

MAINTENANCE CLINIC - 5 points

- * Attend one session with instrument.
- * See Band Maintenance Clinics schedule
- * Attend Sept. 26, 27, or 29

LESSONS BEGIN

Lessons begin Monday, October 2
(Day 1), Cycle B

BAND REHEARSALS BEGIN

Monday, Sept. 18 (Day 6) Prep Band

PREP BAND: (6th grade band)

Rehearsal Schedule: (Mark your schedule!)

Day 3 & 6: Activity Periods A & B

ADVANCED BAND: (7th & 8th grade band)

Rehearsal Schedule: (Mark your schedule!)

Day 1 & 4: Activity Periods B & C

Day 3 & 6: 7:20 am – 8:00 am

(Arrive in band room BY 7:15 am)

Fall Auditions: (See details on page 2)

October 10 – 17, 2006 (Cycle C)

First Early Morning Rehearsal:

Friday, October 20th (Day 3)

JAZZ-ROCK ENSEMBLE

- **Rehearsal Schedule**

Day 4: 7:10 am – 8:00 am

- Rehearsals start later in school year
- See page 3 for details.

WINTER CONCERT:

(features bands, choruses, & string ensembles)

Thursday, December 14, 2006

1:30 pm -- All-School Assembly

7:30 pm -- Public Concert

Mark your family calendar!

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY BAND:

(For selected Advanced Band members, based on Fall audition results.)

M. S. REHEARSAL – Selinsgrove M. S.

Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

(Snow Make-up: Mon., Jan. 23, 2006)

FESTIVAL – Selinsgrove Area H. S.

- Friday, January 19, 2007

Rehearsal -- 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

- Saturday, January 20, 2007

Rehearsal begins at 1:00 pm

Concert begins at 7:30 pm

SPRING BAND CONCERT:

(features Jazz-Rock Ensemble, Prep Band, Advanced Band and 5th Grade Band)

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

9:30 am -- All-School Assembly

7:30 pm -- Public Concert

Mark your family calendar!

M. S. SUMMER LESSONS:

To Be Announced

INFORMATION FOR YOU

SIGN OUT/SIGN IN FOR LAV & LOCKER

Sign Out & Sign In on the form located under the light switches. (Make sure I can read your first & last name.) Take wooden block with you.

STORING YOUR INSTRUMENT:

1. Instrument Storage Room: At the beginning of the day, take your instrument to the Instrumental Music Room, Instrument Storage Room. You may wish to store small instruments (oboes, flutes, clarinets, & drumsticks) in your locker. **Drumsticks are not allowed in the cafeteria during lunchtime.**

2. Stored At Your Own Risk: Instruments stored in the Instrumental Music Room, Instrument Storage Room are stored at your own risk. The school and the director are **NOT** responsible for loss and/or damage. **Do not leave your instrument at school overnight.**

3. Identification: Make sure your name is on the outside of your instrument case, music folder, and on the outside cover of your lesson book. Case tags are available from Mr. Orris.

LESSONS:

Lesson Attendance:

- Students are expected to attend each scheduled lesson (one lesson each six-day cycle).

Excused Absences:

- The student will be excused from the lesson when:
 - (a) he/she is absent from school on the day of the lesson or portion of the day when the lesson is scheduled.
 - (b) he/she cannot attend the lesson because of a major test, review for a major test, special class activity, classroom teacher request, etc., whether known in advance or discovered in class at the "last minute." When the student cannot attend a lesson, it is the student's responsibility to inform the instrumental music teacher about the conflict with the lesson in order for the absence to be excused.
 - (c) the instrumental music teacher is not present for a lesson and a substitute is not hired for the absence.

Unexcused Absences:

- An Unexcused Absence is when the student fails to attend the lesson and fails to provide the instrumental music teacher with an acceptable reason for being absent from a lesson. (See Excused Absences) The student will not earn the Lesson Attendance, Home Practice, and Lesson Performance points for the missed lesson.

Make-up Lessons:

- Make-up lessons are scheduled on Day 5. Sign up at the Band Office on the schedule.
- If the student misses a scheduled lesson (excused or unexcused), the musician should contact the instrumental music teacher to try to schedule a make-up lesson. The make-up lesson needs to be accomplished within six school days after the missed lesson.

PRACTICING: Students are expected to practice at least six days between each lesson and a minimum of 20 minutes during each day of practice. Additional practicing (more days and more time each day) is encouraged.

DELAYED OPENINGS, ADVISORY, & ASSEMBLY SCHEDULES:

- **Special colored schedules** will be posted on the bulletin board in the Instrumental Music Room as well as on the “schedule window,” near the double door entrance to the Instrumental Music Room. If you’re not sure when to attend your lesson, ask Mr. Orris.

FALL AUDITIONS for Advanced Band chair placement:

- Auditions are used to determine the seating order within each section. They are conducted as impartially and objectively as possible.
- Auditions will be held Oct. 10 – 17, 2006 (Cycle C), during your regularly scheduled lesson time.
- Audition requirements:
 - Play the memorized Concert F, B-flat, E-flat, & A-flat scales (from scale sheet provided by Mr. Orris) or memorized Percussion Rudiments (from rudiment sheet provided by Mr. Orris).
 - Play the selected audition music (provided by Mr. Orris).

NOTES: The percentage score you earn through the audition is included in your grade for the marking period. **The results of the Fall Auditions not only determine your “chair” within your instrument section, but the results of the audition also help determine who will be eligible to represent our band and school at the Susquehanna Valley Band Festival in January.** The better your audition results, the better are your chances of being selected to participate in this “honors” band.

****Spring Auditions** will be held in late January. Requirements: Concert F, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, C, & Chromatic scales (memorized) and different music.

JAZZ-ROCK ENSEMBLE:

Jazz-Rock Ensemble will begin later in the school year. It will be held before school, once each six-day cycle (Day 4, 7:10 am - 8:00 am). Participation is open to 7th & 8th grade Advanced Band musicians who play saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, drums (trap set), and 7th & 8th grade musicians who play piano, string bass, electric bass, and guitar. The Jazz-Rock Ensemble performs at the Spring Band Concert and when other opportunities become available.

PRIVATE LESSONS:

Private lessons help students achieve more and faster. Mr. Orris has the names of a few other professional musicians who teach private lessons.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER LESSONS are offered as an opportunity for the musician to continue learning and making progress with his/her instrument. The four-week session helps the student make the transition from one year to the next with less “forgetting.” Most importantly, it gives the musician a reason to do some practicing, for at least part of the summer! One-half hour, small group lessons (\$12.00 per lesson) are held Tuesday through Thursday between 8:00 am & 12:00 (noon). **Dates and times for the 2007 Summer Lessons will be announced later.** Details will be provided to all 5th, 6th, & 7th grade band students early next May.

GRADES: You will earn a grade each marking period. The grade reflects your attendance at lessons, home practice, lesson performance, rehearsal attendance, and attitude. The Grading Policy, fully explaining the objectives of lesson and band evaluation and grading, is provided to you and your parents with this document. The Policy is also located on the Band Website. **Extra credit** can be earned each marking period. Check “Adjustments to Marking Period Grade” on page 2 of the Grading Policy.

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HIGH SCHOOL BAND Information

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The High School Marching Band/Symphonic Band is open to all students in grades 9-12 who play a wind or percussion instrument. **Volunteer 8th grade band members may also participate in the Summer Band Camp and the Marching Band.** Small group lessons (“labs”) continue, organized and scheduled similar to those at the Middle School. During late summer and fall, the band functions as the “Marching Dragons” (performing at pep rallies, school assemblies, community events, parades, football games, etc.). During the winter and spring, the band functions as a Symphonic Band, presenting two concerts during the school year, one during the winter holiday season and one during the spring term.

Your Participation in the High School Band – Both Mr. Hill and Mr. Orris sincerely hope that the eighth grade band musicians will continue their instrumental music education next year by participating in the High School Band. Through your participation, you will continue to learn and succeed at higher level of proficiency and the band will continue to grow and prosper.

High School Graduation – Eighth grade musicians are invited to perform with the graduation band/orchestra in June, at Bucknell’s Weis Center. Date & time will be announced later.

Summer High School, Marching Dragons Band Camp (used to prepare for the Fall marching season) is held three weeks prior to the start of school, in August. The “camp” is scheduled during this time period in order to allow band musicians the opportunity to participate in school sports and their pre-season practices, without conflict (examples - football, cross-country, field hockey, tennis, etc.). The tentative **2007 Band Camp Schedule is Aug. 6 - 10, 2007** -- Monday thru Friday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon), 1:15 pm - 5:00 pm, & 6:30 – 8:30 pm and Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 (noon) and 1:15 pm - 5:00 pm. Friday at 6:00 pm is the preview at Bucknell and a picnic at the pool, following the preview. **Attendance at Band Camp is required.**

Details & schedules for all High School Band events will be provided by Mr. Hill at a later date.