



Pearl Jr. High School Sixth Grade Band Information

www.pearlpirateband.org

Dear Sixth Grade Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to the Pearl *"Pirate"* Band program! We are excited that you have decided to become a part of this organization. We know that you have many questions about getting started in band, and this letter should answer the most frequently asked questions.

A good beginning is most important to the success of any band student. During the first 4 weeks of class students will be involved in:

- Learning proper discipline in a group setting.
- Learning fundamentals of music.
- Discovering how sounds are produced on band instruments.

Remember that success is determined by the amount of effort and dedication a student chooses to put into developing the skills necessary to become a good musician.

There is a band fee for sixth grade band members. All students are responsible for a \$25 per semester band fee. The fee provides items for students such as method books, music, awards, music stands, and equipment not furnished by the school district. All fees can be viewed on www.charmsoffice.com by logging in to your account. The first semester fee is due or must be fundraised by September 31 and the second semester fee is due by January 31. **SEMESTER BAND FEES MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO PERFORM ON CONCERTS.**

Students playing school-owned equipment: oboe, tenor sax, French horn, baritone and tuba will be responsible for \$35 more per semester to cover rental of the instrument from the school. The total band fee for students assigned school-owned instruments is \$60 as stated in the band handbook. This additional \$35 will be due by the end of the first semester. If you have a problem or hardship regarding band fees, please contact us so we can make arrangements to help you.

Students who play school owned brass instruments are responsible for the cost of their own mouthpiece. All fees may be paid by cash, through Charms, or check made payable to **Pearl Junior High School**. **All cash/checks must be placed in an envelope with the student name and purpose (dues, shirt, etc) listed on the outside.**

Students will need to purchase a Band T-Shirt before their first performance at our **Christmas Concert December 3rd**. Our "band uniform" will be our band shirt and blue jeans. The cost of this shirt will be \$10. Students will receive more information about shirts later in the first nine-weeks.

The classroom supply requirement for Sixth Grade Band includes a three ring binder (at least 1 inch), notebook paper to go in the binder, 10 clear sheet protectors, and a pack of note cards.

After we get instruments, students who play flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, trumpet, French horn, and trombone may get an instrument locker if they choose. A combination lock will be required before a student can be issued a band locker. **NO KEYED LOCKS WILL BE**

ACCEPTED. Upon the third time a student forgets a combination and cannot get his/her instrument out of the locker, the student will lose their locker.

The combined junior high bands do at least one fundraising project each year. Starting around Sept. 1st, we will do a food item fundraiser similar to the cookie dough fundraiser we have done in the past. More information will be sent home as needed regarding this fundraiser.

***IMPORTANT:** We want to stay in touch with both students and parents. Please see the information sheet about Charms and go online and login to your student's account as soon as possible. We need an email address for both parents and students. Log on to www.charmsoffice.com, enter the school code Pearlbands, and use your student's first name and last name (ex. FirstLast) as your ID/password. Once logged in you may enter your contact information there and pay band fees with a debit or credit card.

*Also sign up for our Remind101 message system. Parents and students please text @khh66 to 81010 or 209-783-5055. This will give you reminders about what is going on with our band.

Please remember that we are interested in the success of your child, and will work to help your child be as successful as possible. This includes training in music fundamentals, self-motivation, self-discipline, practice habits, and other elements that are sometimes not found in the regular classroom.

Please call us if you have any questions or can help you in any way. The band hall phone number is 601-932-7960. Thank you again for supporting your child in the Pearl Pirate Band Program.

Mr. Harrell
Mrs. Sudduth
Mr. Pickering
Mr. Little
Mr. Rowan

IMPORTANT DATES

September 31 – First band fee due
December 3 – Christmas Concert
January 31 – Second band fee due
May 13 – Spring Concert