



# Pearl Junior High School Seventh Grade Band Information

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Dear 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Students and Parents,

**Welcome back to the Pearl “Pirate” Band Program!** Please read the items below so that you can become reacquainted with the band program, and how we will start off the beginning of the year.

1. **Seventh grade band is a continuation** of the skills learned in the sixth grade, and the development of further musicianship. The second year in band offers more performance opportunities for the students; both as a group and as individuals. During this year, we hope that students will begin to express themselves as musicians.
2. **Performance opportunities** in the coming year are scheduled to include: Christmas Concert, December 3rd, Pearl Jr. High Band Clinic, January 25-26, Band Festival in the spring, Spring Concert, May 13, and any other performance opportunities that present themselves. **FEES MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN PERFORMANCES.**
3. **We want to stay in contact with you.** Please follow the steps on the Charms Office sheet the students were given to go online and set up your Charms account and give us your email. You can also keep up with fees online this way. Sign up for Remind101 by texting @pearl7 to 81010.
4. **The Seventh Grade Band** will wear a blue Pearl band polo shirt. Shirts will be \$17.00. We will send more information later in the first nine-weeks when shirts are ordered.
5. **Band Fees.** Students who play their own band instrument pay \$25.00 each semester, and those who play a school owned instrument pay \$60.00 per semester. This fee is for the purchase of music, methods and materials, solos, and instrument maintenance. This fee is due by September 31 and by January 31. **All cash/checks turned into the band program must be in an envelope with the student name & purpose (dues, shirt, etc.) on the outside. Make checks payable to Pearl Junior High School. Fees can also be paid with credit card on Charms.**
6. **Students will use a method book for band.** We will continue to provide students with instructional materials such as new books and sheet music. Lost or

misplaced materials are the responsibility of the students, just as their other schoolbooks are. Additional band books will be \$10.00.

7. **We are very careful to stress** to the students the proper care of their instrument. Please help us by insisting that students keep their instrument in the assigned place in the band hall while they are at school. The school cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen instruments. For this reason, we require your child take their instrument home each day. All students except Baritone, Tuba, and Percussion will have an assigned instrument locker. A **combination** padlock is required to be issued a locker. **NO KEYED LOCKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** After the third time a student forgets a locker combination, the student will lose locker privileges.
8. **Students will have a specific playing assignment each day**, and they will have weekly playing grades. All students should be aware of what has been assigned for the week. Regular practice each day is the only way to perform well in band. This will lead to better grades, and increased confidence as a performer.
9. **All seventh grade band students will need to have a three ring binder.** In addition to the method book, students will be given many handouts during the year. Students will need 10 clear sheet protectors to keep these presentable throughout the year.
10. **If a student needs an instrument repaired**, please talk to one of the band directors before you take it to a repairman. We may be able to help speed up the repair process. We want to try to keep the repair time to a minimum to avoid getting behind in class.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Attendance is mandatory unless otherwise noted.**

December 3 – Christmas Concert  
January 25-26 – PJHS Band Clinic \*(not required by all students. Selected students will be notified in advance.)  
Central Mississippi Band Festival – TBA  
Spring Concert – May 13