



R i v e r s i d e M i d d l e S c h o o l B a n d

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WELCOME BACK!!!

I hope you had a restful summer. Those of you that attended the summer band camps, congratulations on an outstanding performance!

SUPPLIES

You know the routine! We will begin playing the first week of school. All instruments, instrument supplies (reeds, grease, valve oil, spit rags, etc...) needs to be at school and ready to go. You will have an assigned cubby hole in the instrument storage rooms in which to place all of your band belongings. School-owned instrument folks who have not yet received their instruments will be taken care of during the first day or two of school.

PEP BAND

Right out of the gate this fall we will start preparing our Pep Band for performances at the pep rallies and football games. All 8th graders, with the exception of football players and cheerleaders, are required to participate in the Pep Band. Any 7th graders interested in participating in the Pep Band will have the opportunity to audition for me in the next few weeks. Please look at the Band Calendar and mark the football game dates on your home calendars - a Pep Band letter with report/pickup times and general info will be sent home later.

BAND DONATIONS

As you are well aware, state and local funding of schools has drastically been reduced over the past few years. This year, as has been done in previous years at RMS, in lieu of running multiple fundraisers throughout the school year - we will be asking for a "Band Donation" which will help cover the cost of things such as band shirts, additional music, performances evaluation entry fees, paying clinicians to work with our students, etc...

Last spring we offered an RMS Band CD for sale which included selections from our various concerts throughout the year. This was a great success and helped us financially meet some of our goals for equipment we needed to purchase. The 2011-2012 RMS Band CD will be available for sale after our spring concert is completed in May.

Riverside Middle School Band

Geoffrey Rosché, Director

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM *2011-2012*

Student's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Other Guardian (s) : _____ Relationship: _____

_____ Relationship: _____

Grade: _____ Period: _____

Band Shirt Size

YL S M

L XL 2XL

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Day Time Phone: (_____) _____

Parents E Mail Address: _____

Parent's Work Phone: (_____) _____

----- 7th & 8th Graders Only -----

Instrument: _____

Instrument Information: _____ Personal Instrument _____ School Owned Instrument

Make (Name Brand): _____ Model Number: _____

Serial Number: (Check Carefully): _____

BAND ROOM POLICIES

1. All equipment / instruments in band room is expensive to replace or repair. Always respect property and be careful around equipment / instruments.
2. Only play or use equipment / instruments you are instructed to play. Do not play before class begins or when class is finished unless instructed.
3. Always bring the appropriate materials to class.
 - Instrument in proper working condition
(including extra supplies in case of emergency)
 - Music book, 3 ring binder w/protectors, & sheet music
 - Pencil & a few extra sheets of blank paper
4. Do not store sheet music or music books in case, this may cause damage.
(unless your case has a special compartment)
5. Ask questions at the appropriate time. Do not interrupt instruction unless absolutely necessary
6. No food or drink is allowed in the Band Room.

BAND ROOM PROCEDURES

1. Enter calmly, get instrument and music and report to your assigned seat. (unless instructed otherwise)
7. Set up instrument & prepare for class. (read front board)
3. Follow instructions & always give your *best effort*.
4. When class is over (or when instructed), pack up your materials. If leaving instrument in band room, return instrument to storage area and then return to seat.
8. Before leaving, straighten your chair/row, lower your stand, and make sure all materials used by your class are properly put away.

DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

Band students are among the best and brightest at Riverside Middle School. Proper behavior must be displayed at all times: in class, in the hallways, on and off stage at performances.

- 1st Offense – Warning and redirection
- 2nd Offense – Band Detention plus a phone call or email to parents
- 3rd Offense – Discipline Referral to Principal - goes on school record
- 4th Offense – Discipline Referral and Parent Conference requested

Band Donation Letter to Parents
Columbia County Middle Schools

2011-2012

Dear Parent:

We are pleased that your son/daughter has chosen to participate in the band program this year. Research indicates a positive correlation between participation in music programs and student achievement. It is our desire to provide a quality program for all band students within our school system.

The Columbia County Board of Education provides the basic components for this quality program. However, In order to fund ancillary activities and supplies (additional music, books, performance evaluation entry fees, awards, t-shirts, etc) associated with a quality program, we would like to request your assistance. In the past, parents have been supportive of a one-time contribution in lieu of the number of fund-raisers that would be necessary to raise these funds.

Your voluntary donation of \$30.00 or more will allow us to avoid all of the issues associated with multiple fund-raising activities. Please be advised that if this one-time payment presents an undue financial burden, a payment plan can be arranged. Additionally, rest assured that no child will be denied opportunities due to a financial difficulty.

Appreciation is expressed, in advance, for your kind consideration. Please make checks payable to "RMS Band". For more information, or to discuss any necessary financial arrangements, please call the school at 706-868-3712

Sincerely,

Yvette Foster-Williams
Principal

Geoff Rosche
Band Director

Riverside Middle School Band Activities Calendar 2011-2012

Date	Event	Time
September		
6	Football Game (Pep Band) vs Harlem @ Greenbrier High	4:40 PM
7	Deadline: District/All State Band Audition Application & Fees	
13	Football Game (Pep Band) vs Grovetown @ Greenbrier High	4:40 PM
16	Middle School Night at GHS Football Game!	7:00 PM
17	All State Etude Help Session @ SIMS	TBA
20	Football Game (Pep Band) vs Lakeside @ Greenbrier High	4:40 PM
21	RMS Jazz Band Auditions (7th & 8th Grade) Before/After School	
October		
4	GMS vs RMS Football Game (not playing) GHS Band Performance	5:00 PM
5, 12, 19, 26	Jazz Band Rehearsals - Wednesdays (selected students)	2:45 - 4:00 PM
8	All State Etude Help Session @ SIMS	TBA
13	FALL CONCERT (7th & 8th Grades)	6:30 PM
November		
2, 9, 16, 30	Jazz Band Rehearsals - Wednesdays (selected students)	2:45 - 4:00 PM
TBA	Tentative Veteran's Day Performance (8th) - During School Day	TBA
12	All State Etude Help Session @ SIMS	TBA
December		
3	District/All State 1st round Auditions (Greenbrier Middle)	
6	CHRISTMAS CONCERT (All Grades + Jazz)	6:30 PM
January		
7	All State 2nd round Auditions (Perry Middle School. Perry, Ga)	
11, 18, 25	Jazz Band Rehearsals - Wednesdays (selected students)	2:45 - 4:00 PM
February		
1, 8	Jazz Band Rehearsals - Wednesdays (selected students)	2:45 - 4:00 PM
9	7th Grade AFTER SCHOOL Rehearsal for LGPE	2:45 - 4:00 PM
14	8th Grade AFTER SCHOOL Rehearsal for LGPE	2:45 - 4:00 PM
16-18	District Honor Band (Selected Students)	TBA
23	PRE-LGPE CONCERT (7th & 8th Grades)	6:30 PM
March		
1-3	All State Band - Savannah, Ga (Selected Students)	
21 or 22	Large Group Performance Evaluation, Thomson GA (7th & 8th)	TBA
24	Beginning Honor Band Clinic, GTMS (Selected 6th grade students)	TBA
April		
11, 25	Jazz Band Rehearsals - Wednesdays (selected students)	2:45 - 4:00 PM
9-12	GHS Flag & Dance Tryouts (rising 9th graders)	3:00 - 5:00 PM
16-17	GHS Drumline Tryouts (rising 9th graders)	3:00 - 5:00 PM
May		
2	Jazz Band Rehearsals - Wednesdays (selected students)	2:45 - 4:00 PM
3	SPRING CONCERT (All Grades + Jazz)	6:30 PM
4???	Jazz Band @ Savannah Rapids Pavilion	11AM - 2:00PM
4	School Owned Instruments Returned	
TBA	School Owned Instrument Summer Checkout	