

# 2019-2020 Liberty Band Syllabus

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Google Classroom – Please let me know if you need help with our Google Classroom for band!.

## **When Do We Rehearse?**

This year, the band rehearses during 14<sup>th</sup> block (last block on RED Days). Rehearsal begins at 1:40pm and ends at 2:41pm. Please make sure you have your instrument, instrument accessories, music, and a pencil for every rehearsal.

## **Sectionals at Liberty:**

Band Sectionals are held at Liberty every Friday at 8:35, 9:05, 9:39, 10:09, 10:43, and 11:48. Band members show a sectional pass to their teacher and find out if they have anything to make up for that class. Please pick a time that you can attend. If you cannot attend, please see Mrs. Clark. Remember - sectionals are offered during advisory/lunch, so there should be at least one time that works for you!

## **Sign Up to Stay Informed!**

Once again, I will be using Remind.com to notify parents through a one-way text service about important events such as concerts and parades and also to cancel (if needed) morning band rehearsals for Jazz Band, 5th Grade Band and 6th Grade Band. Please sign up for any and all band classes that your child will be participating in or helping as a band mentor. This service is free and is a great tool. Please consider signing up!

Ridge 5th Grade Band – text @5nrband19 to 81010

Oakview 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – text @5ovband19 to 81010

Ridge 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – text @6nrband19 to 81010

Oakview 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – text @6oakband19 to 81010

Liberty Band – text @19libband to 81010

Jazz Band – text @19libjazz to 81010

**IMPORTANT!!!!** You need to sign up again for this year's classes as last year's classes have been deleted. It is also **HIGHLY** recommended that you sign up with your **cell phone number** to receive texts right to your phone and you will see the notification immediately.

## **Band Uniform:**

*For Marching Band:* Blue dri-fit shirt, long black pants, black socks, black shoes.

*For Symphonic Band Concerts:* White tuxedo shirt and red bow tie (both provided by the band boosters), long black pants, black socks, black shoes.

### **Morning Band Schedule:**

Liberty Band members are invited and encouraged to help out at the morning rehearsals for the 5<sup>th</sup> and/or 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band members. Service hours/volunteer hours will be given out for NJHS, scouts, religious ed, etc. if you come help out!

### **Mondays**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band at 7:00am – first Monday rehearsal is Monday, Sept. 16

Jazz Band at 7:40am – first Monday rehearsal is Monday, Sept. 9

### **Tuesdays**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band at 7:00am – starting on Tuesday, September 3

### **Wednesdays**

Jazz Band at 7:15am – starting on Wednesday, Sept. 4

### **Thursdays**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band at 7:00am – starting on Thursday, September 19

### **Fridays**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band at 7:00am – starting on Friday, September 6

### **Liberty Band Performances 2019-2020:**

A student's grade in this ensemble is a combination of classwork and graded performances. Performance attendance is required for students choosing to take an ensemble class. Please mark these performance dates on your family calendar and plan ahead for scheduling and transportation needs.

Absences affect the overall quality of the ensemble's performance. If a student must miss a performance due to unforeseen circumstances (serious illness, death in the family) he or she will be given the opportunity to redeem the performance grade through an alternate assignment upon returning to school.

If a student has a conflict with a performance that is unavoidable, a parent must contact the director no later than 3 weeks before the performance to discuss an alternative assignment for the student. The assignment will take approximately the same amount of time as the performance that was missed.

### ***\*Saturday, August 24 – LW Marching Band Community Night (OPTIONAL)***

Arrive at Lincoln-Way East Home Bleachers at 3:00pm. No instruments are needed.

### ***\*Sunday, September 1 – Frankfort Fall Festival Parade***

Meet at Liberty at 11:30am.

Marching Uniform – Blue band dri-fit, long black pants, black socks, black shoes.

Pick up at Liberty – Approx. 2:30-3:30pm. Mrs. Clark will send a text when leaving the parade site.

### ***\*Tuesday, September 17 - Macy's Trip Meeting for 8th Grade Families at LW East Auditorium - 7:30pm***

### ***\*Saturday, September 28 – ILMEA Auditions for interested students at Summit Hill JHS***

Audition times will be given out as soon as I receive them.

### ***\*Thursday, October 17 – Liberty Fall Band, Orchestra, Choir Concert – 7pm at Liberty***

Arrive by 6:20pm in your tuxedo uniform (white tux shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black dress shoes).

***\*Saturday, October 26 – Halloween Concert – 1:00pm-2:00pm at the NL Commons***

This is a fun performance where we get to wear our Halloween costumes and play fun/spooky music such as Ghostbusters, Thriller, and more!

***\*Tuesday, October 29 – 5th Grade Band First Recitals - 6:00-8:00pm at Liberty***

For 5th Grade Band mentors who would like to help - wear semi-formal clothes in shades of black, white, and gray.

***\*Saturday, November 9 – ILMEA Concert Band Festival – for selected students at Joliet Central HS***

If you are selected for the festival, Mrs. Clark will get you the specific details after the audition day.

***\*Tuesday, November 12 – Jazz Band/Allegro/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band/Orchestra Concert – 7pm at Liberty***

Arrive by 6:20pm in semi-formal clothes in shades of black, white, and gray.

***\*Saturday, November 16 – ILMEA Jazz Festival – for selected students at Oak Lawn HS***

If you are selected for the festival, Mrs. Clark will get you the specific details after the audition day.

***\*Saturday, December 14 - Jazz Band performs at Chicago Wolves Game - approx. 4:00-10:00pm***

For Jazz Band only. Ticket order details coming soon.

***\*Wednesday, December 18 – Liberty Holiday Concert for Band/Orchestra/Choir – 7pm at Liberty***

Arrive by 6:20pm in your tuxedo uniform.

***\*Saturday, February 8 – LWC Jazz Festival – Time TBD***

For Jazz Band.

***\*Thursday, February 13 - 8th Grade Music Step Up Night at LWW - 6:30pm***

***\*Saturday, February 15 or 22 – IGSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest for interested students***

Location TBD.

***\*Thursday, February 20 – 5th and 6th Grade Band Winter Concert – 7pm at Liberty***

Arrive at 6:20pm for 5th/6th band mentors - wear semi-formal clothes in shades of black, white, and gray.

***\*Tuesday, March 3 – Liberty Band Concert at LW West Auditorium – 6:30pm***

Students will stay after school and take a bus to LW West. Dinner will be provided while we are at West. Tuxedo uniform

***\*Saturday, March 21 – West Fest Performance at LW West for Jazz Band***

Times TBD.

***\*Sunday, May 3 – Loyalty Parade for Liberty Band - 12:45-3:30pm***

In town/wear dri-fit shirt uniform. Bus transportation from Liberty will be provided.

***\*Wednesday, May 6 – Liberty Band and Orchestra Spring Concert – 7pm at Liberty***

Arrive at 6:20pm in tuxedo uniform.

***\*Tuesday, May 12 – 5th and 6th Grade Band/Jazz Band Spring Concert – 7pm at Liberty***

Arrive at 6:20pm for Jazz Band members and 5th/6th band mentors - wear semi-formal clothes in shades of black, white, and gray.

***\*Saturday, May 16 – Jazz Band performance at Jazz Café at LW West***

Approx. time 4:30pm rehearsal. 7:00pm concert.

***\*Wednesday, May 27 – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band performs at Liberty 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation***

Times and details TBD.

***Thank you! I am looking forward to a wonderful year with your talented and fun children!***

PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND RETURN THIS PAGE ONLY

Student's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

We, the parents/guardians of a band student, have read the band syllabus for the 2019 Liberty Band. We understand the importance of attendance at performances as well as the sectional and uniform expectations and will encourage our child to do the same.

***Please initial each statement below & sign the form.***

\_\_\_\_\_ We give permission for our child to travel with the band during the 2019-2020 school year to various parades, performance at Lincoln-Way West, and Jazz Band events, via school provided transportation.

\_\_\_\_\_ We give permission for our child to be in band photographs and videos for concert programs, newspaper articles, etc. during the 2019-2020 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_ We give permission for our child to participate in band parties with food such as donuts or pizza on select dates during the 2019-2015 school year (advance notice will be given to parents).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parents/Guardians signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, a student in the Liberty Band, have read the syllabus for the 2019 Liberty Band. I understand the importance of attendance at performances as well as the sectional and uniform expectations and will do everything within my power to follow these guidelines.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Band student's signature)

PLEASE DETACH THIS SHEET AND RETURN IT TO MRS. CLARK BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.