

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Christ the King School Band! I'm looking forward to another year of working with all of you. I'm excited to witness and guide your musical development.

As band members, students are expected to practice 15 minutes per day-- which equals 90 minutes per cycle. Practicing everyday will help you to develop a better tone, understanding of the instruments' capabilities, and trains your muscles properly. Class time does not count as practice time. Students must practice on their band instrument (not piano, etc.), and parents need to confirm practicing was done by signing for each practice session.

When students practice, they should be aware of the mistakes they make; figure out what the problem may be, find a way to fix it, and then play it correctly a few times to ensure its correction. After this is complete, put it into context including the "problem area."

There is a new type of practice record that must be submitted by the end of each month. They will receive a new one at the beginning of each month upon completion of the previous record. Practicing is worth 25% of the entire band mark.

In class performance evaluations make up 40% of the band mark. Students will be evaluated on whether they are playing their part correctly. This includes rhythmic accuracy, note accuracy, playing in the correct key, and keeping a steady pulse. Students need to practice effectively in order to achieve success on their instruments; this includes noting where the mistakes are and correcting them.

Another 25% of the band mark is toward student attitude and bringing the necessary supplies to rehearsals. Band days are every Day 1 and 5. If a student consistently brings their band book, pencil, and instrument to class, they will get full marks.

The last 10% of the band mark is attendance at the concert performances. These performances should be thought of as a final exam. It is through the performance that the students are able to show their parents the hard work they put into practicing and rehearsing. Performing for the community is essential. All are always welcome

In summary, the band marks are composed of the following:

Practicing--25%

Performance--40%

Attitude/supplies--25%

Concert Attendance--10%

If you have not already done so, please submit \$10 in cheque form payable to the school for your personal band method book. The payments must be made by September 9th, 2019.

For all students and parents new to band, please attend the band clinic on **Thursday Sept. 12th at 6:00pm** on the second floor of Christ the King School. Both parents and students will learn the fundamentals of how to play their instrument while working with instrument specialists. The session will run for two hours.

Let this year be filled with musical exploration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gawron