

## **PARENT SUPPORT**

An essential ingredient in any successful public school music program is parental support! It is just as important at the secondary level as it is at the previous levels. At the High School level we have an active program beginning with parades, half-times, contests, concerts, etc., which takes a lot of commitment from the students and their families. Being in band takes time, patience, and a lot of hard work to put together a program that one can look back on with pride. One can find numerous reasons to quit: lack of time or part-time jobs. However, skills received in the music program will far outweigh those short-term activities.

### **Parents please encourage your child to:**

1. Stay with the program.
2. Practice assigned music.
3. Be on time.
4. Keep you informed of activities.
5. Keep the Director informed.
6. Keep a positive attitude!

## **DISCIPLINE**

Traditionally, music students are usually the best students, both in terms of academics and conduct. However, the very nature of band class (both the high level of concentration required for optimum performance and the fact that the entire band is armed with noisemakers), demands that it be more structured than that of a regular classroom.

I do feel that in order to have an excellent band, a high level of discipline is a necessity. I have seen many High Schools, and WITHOUT EXCEPTION, the best bands are those that are highly disciplined. I do not think this is a coincidence.

## **CE BANDS WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA**

- ✓ [www.crimsonexpress.org](http://www.crimsonexpress.org) (HS Band Program Website)
- ✓ @CrimsonExpress on Facebook, Twitter (X), & now Instagram!
- ✓ CE BANDS Google Classroom

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## **Welcome to Murphysboro High School & CE BANDS!**

This handbook is our way of giving you the necessary information for being a member of CE BANDS.

You are responsible for all of the information found within this book. Please read it carefully. Your experiences and friendships in Murphysboro High School and CE BANDS will be a part of you forever.

## **FALL EVENING REHEARSALS ARE ON MONDAYS, EXCEPT 9/5 AND 10/14, 6:00-9:00 PM! FIRST ONE WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, AUG 12<sup>th</sup>**

- ALL REHEARSALS–REQUIRED
- ALL PERFORMANCES–REQUIRED

\*MISSED PERFORMANCES AND/OR REHEARSALS WILL COUNT AGAINST YOUR GRADE UNLESS APPROVED BY MR. WILLIAMS ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE! \*

## **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

1. Please, no talking during rehearsal.
2. Respect the property of others and the school.  
IF YOU DO NOT OWN IT, DO NOT TOUCH IT!
3. Be in your seat and ready when the bell rings.
4. Respect the room & equipment. Put things where they belong.
5. All MHS Handbook rules and regulations apply.

## **GRADING**

- You will receive 100 points for each Performance.
- You will receive 75 points for each Evening Rehearsal.
- Playing Tests (not announced) 100 points.
- For Playing Tests, students will be evaluated on:  
-Tone quality, Technique, Musicianship, Rhythm, and Pitch
- Extra Credit will be assigned at the discretion of the Director.

## ATTENDANCE

Your attendance, both at rehearsals and performances, is necessary and expected. I would also hope that your family will avoid our dates for family vacations.

There are two basic excuses I will accept for absence:

1. ILLNESS.
2. FAMILY EMERGENCY.

Obviously, everyone gets sick once in a while and that is certainly excusable. I believe that students should be able to participate in other school activities. However, conflicts arise. I cannot help you if you do not let me know about the conflict well in advance.

A word about work: I will NEVER excuse work.

School should be your top priority at this time in your life. Whenever you will be absent from a rehearsal/ performance (except for an emergency), I must know as far in advance as possible (AT LEAST ONE WEEK). I will expect a note from your parents This note informs me of the reason for the absence -

A NOTE DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY EXCUSE AN ABSENCE!

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Field Trips, Performances/Festivals outside of class are still considered a school function. At these events, you are a representative of MHS and should act in a manner that would leave a favorable impression with everyone you encounter. All school rules apply at these events. These rules are listed in your student handbook and CE Trip Code of Conduct.
- Band students who break these rules WILL face possible suspension from school, band, and future trips. In severe cases, expulsion from Band.

## PERFORMANCE AND CONCERT ATTIRE

All Band Students will need to purchase a Red Crimson Express T-shirt and a pair of Black Shorts. These will be worn at some Marching Band performances, as well as all Home Basketball Games. Also, students will need to have a Black V neck T-shirt and Black socks to wear underneath their Marching Band Uniform. Concert and Jazz Band Dress will be Concert Black.

## Fall 2024 Master Schedule (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter):

Jul 27	Crimson Express Car Wash Wars Fundraiser
Jul 29-Aug 2	Band Camp 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Aug 5-Aug 7	Band Camp 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Aug 11	CE & Company Welcome Picnic (Details TBA)
Aug 12	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Begins, Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Aug 19	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Aug 23/24	CE Tag Day Downtown
Aug 24	MHS Meet the Teams
Aug 26	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Sep 2	Labor Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL
*Sept 5	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM, due to Labor Day
Sept 6	Home Football Game 1 vs. Anna-Jonesboro
Sept 9	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Sept 11	Crimson Express Recruitment Day
Sept 13	Kiddie Parade
Sept 14	Appletime Grand Parade & Drums at Appletime
Sept 16	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Sept 20	Stand Still Performance at 17th Street BBQ
Sept 23	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Sept 27	Home Football Game 2 vs. Herrin (Homecoming)
Sept 30	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Oct 2	ILMEA District 6 Audition Videos Due (Interested Students Only)
Oct 7	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Oct 11	Home Football Game 3 vs. Harrisburg
Oct 12	FIELD SHOW COMPETITION, SIKESTON, MO
Oct 14	Columbus Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL
Oct 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Begins
*Oct 17	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM, due to Columbus Day
Oct 19	FIELD SHOW COMPETITION, SIU CARBONDALE
Oct 21	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Oct 25	BOA ST. LOUIS SUPER REGIONAL, ST. LOUIS, MO Home Football Game 4 vs. Du Quoin (Senior Night)
Oct 26	FIELD SHOW COMPETITION, ST. GENEVIEVE, MO

\*Still to be scheduled:

-CE Fan Appreciation Night

\*If a Holiday falls on a Monday, causing no school, our evening rehearsal will be on the Thursday night of that week. There are only two instances where this happens due to Labor Day and Columbus Day.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

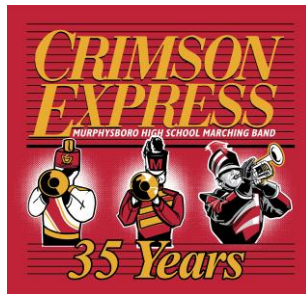
Please sign and return back to Mr. Williams ASAP!

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and reviewed the CE BANDS Student Handbook.

I understand the Classroom Expectations, Attendance Policy, Grading Policy, and Performance Attire.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**CE BANDS @ 35 Years!**  
**Tradition, Hard Work, & Excellence**



## CE BANDS

# 2024–2025

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