

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. In the High School we have an active program beginning with the 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 don't think this is a coincidence.

CE BANDS WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

- www.crimsonexpress.org (HS Band Program Website)
- @CrimsonExpress on Facebook & Twitter
- CE BANDS Google Classroom

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 2023 EVENTS FOR CRIMSON EXPRESS

Jul 24-28, Jul 31-Aug 4	CE Band Camp 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Aug 4	Friends of Crimson Fundraiser @ BBT
Aug 13	Welcome Picnic @ Riverside Park
Aug 18/19	Tag Day/Meet the Teams
Aug-Oct	Home Football Games (8/25, 9/8, 9/15, 9/29, 10/13)
Sept 13	Recruitment Tour of Elementary Schools
Sept 15	Pet & Hobby Parade
Sept 16	Grand Parade/Drums @ Appletime
Sept 22	BBQ Performance
Sept 23	Field Competition; Robinson, IL
Sept 29	Homecoming
Oct 4	ILMEA Audition Videos Due
Oct 7	Field Competition; Belleville, IL
Oct 13	Senior Recognition Night
Oct 21	Field Competition; Effingham, IL
Oct 26	Fan Appreciation Night
Oct 27/28	BOA Super Regional Trip; St. Louis, MO

EVENING REHEARSALS ARE ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 6:00-9:00 PM! FIRST ONE WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY, AUG 8th.

***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!

BAND BOOSTERS (Crimson Express & CO.)

High School Band Parents & Boosters have become an integral part of the success of our Band Program with the Crimson Express & CO. Membership is open to anyone who would like to participate. We have numerous committees that need people and we can always use additional volunteers. COME JOIN US, WE NEED YOUR INPUT! Meetings are every 3rd Thursday, 7 PM in the MHS Band Room.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. Please, no talking during rehearsal.
2. Respect the property of others and the school.
IF YOU DON'T OWN IT, DON'T TOUCH IT!
3. Be in your seat and ready when the bell rings.
4. Respect this room. 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 50 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.

ATTENDANCE (CONTINUED):

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

1. Field Trips, Performances/Festivals outside of class are still considered a school function. At these events, you are a representative of Murphysboro High School 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.
2. 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 Khaki Shorts/Pants. These will be worn at some Marching Band performances, as well as all Home Basketball Games. Also, students will need to have a black t-shirt and black socks to wear underneath their Marching Band Uniform. Concert Band members will need to be fitted for a Tuxedo (Gentlemen) and will be responsible for having it (on) at all Concert Band performances. Ladies will need to have **SCHOOL APPROPRIATE All Black Evening Wear** for Concert Band. Jazz Band Attire will be the same as Concert Band.



**CE BANDS HANDBOOK
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: _____



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