

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. With this, 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 (HS Band Program Website)
- ✓ @CrimsonExpress on Facebook, X, & 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 at MHS and in CE BANDS will be a part of you forever. Let's have a great year!

FALL EVENING REHEARSALS ARE ON MONDAYS, EXCEPT 9/4, 9/11, & 10/16, 6:00-9:00 PM. FIRST ONE WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, AUG 11th.

- ALL REHEARSALS–REQUIRED
- ALL PERFORMANCES–REQUIRED

***MISSED PERFORMANCES AND/OR REHEARSALS WILL COUNT AGAINST YOUR GRDE 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 Band 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, Athletic shorts, and Black socks to wear underneath their Marching Band Uniform. Concert and Jazz Band Dress will be Concert Black (provided by the school).



Crimson Express Fall 2025 Marching Schedule

Jul 28-Aug 1	Band Camp 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Aug 4-Aug 8	Band Camp 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Aug 10	CE & Company Welcome Picnic (Details TBA)
Aug 11	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Aug 13	1 st Quarter Begins
Aug 18	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
TBA	CE Tag Day Downtown (Friday Evening)
TBA	CE Tag Day Downtown, MHS Meet the Teams
Aug 25	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Aug 29	Home Football Game 1 vs. Carbondale
Sep 1	Labor Day Holiday, <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
*Sept 4	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM, due to Labor Day Holiday
Sept 10	Crimson Express Fall Community Tour
*Sept 11	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM due to Apple Festival Week
Sept 12	AF Kiddie Parade downtown, Home Football Game 2 vs. Benton
Sept 13	Appletime Grand Parade & Drums at Appletime
Sept 15	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Sept 19	17th Street BBQ Perf. & Homecoming vs. Herrin
Sept 22	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Sept 27	SIU MUSIC AND MOTION COMPETITION
Sept 29	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Oct 3	Home Football Game 4 vs. Lift for Life School
Oct 6	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Oct 11	FIELD SHOW COMPETITION, SIKESTON, MO
*Oct 16	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM, due to Columbus Day
Oct 17	Home Football Game 5 vs. Carterville (Senior Night)
Oct 18	FIELD SHOW COMPETITION, MARION, IL
Oct 20	2nd Quarter Begins, Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Oct 25	FIELD SHOW COMPETITION, STE. GENEVIEVE, MO
Oct 27	Crimson Express Fan Appreciation Night
Nov 3	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Nov 10	Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Nov 13-15	BOA GRAND NATIONALS, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

*If a Holiday falls on a Monday, causing no school, or it is Apple Festival Week, our evening rehearsal will be on the Thursday night of that week. There are only three instances where this happens, which does include Labor Day and Columbus Day weeks. **See Semester Master Schedule for all other REQUIRED DATES!**



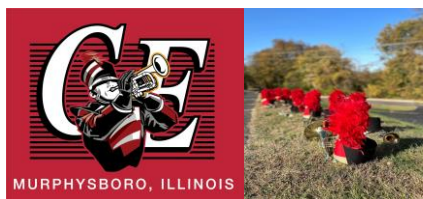
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ASAP!

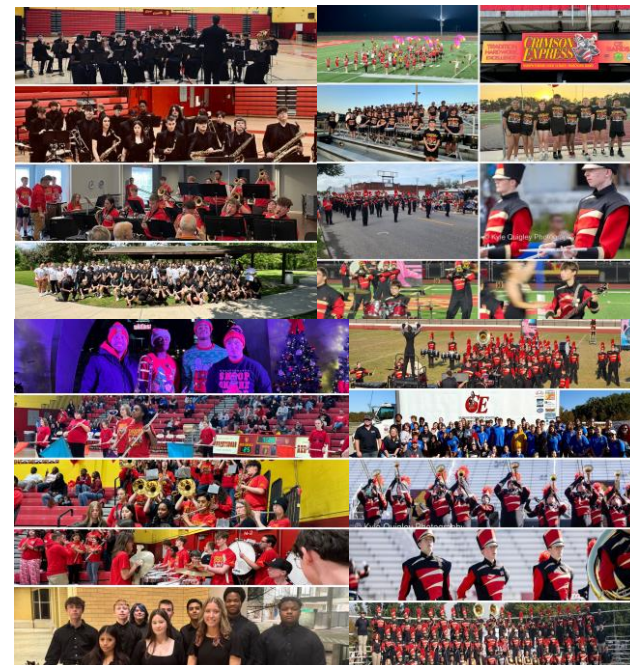
I _____ have read
and reviewed the CE BANDS Student
Handbook.

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

Student Signature & Date: _____



CE BANDS:
Tradition, Hard Work, Excellence



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2025–2026

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