

Julington Creek Elementary School

Advanced Band Handbook



Band Director: _____

Mrs. Kathe Isabelle

Dear Parents,

August 10, 2017

I hope you had a very memorable and exciting summer with your family and friends! ☺ I am so excited about getting started with the Advanced 5th grade “Jammin’ Jaguar Band”! I am not going to have sectionals for the Advanced Band. There will be two full band rehearsals each week: Monday after school from 2:50 – 4:00 P.M., and Friday morning before school from 7:30 – 8:15 A.M. beginning on **Monday, August 28th**. **Monday** after school rehearsals will take place in the **music room**, and Friday morning rehearsals will take place in the mini Jaguar Den like last year. *** Beginning on Tuesday, January 9th (the week we return from the Holiday break), rehearsals will be on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 – 8:15 A.M.** **BOTH rehearsals will take place in the mini Jaguar Den. Advanced Band will be combined with the Beginning Band until the end of the school year.**

The “Fair Share” payment schedule is as follows: If paying by check, please address it to “JCE.” No refunds are available.

1st Payment Due: **\$20 – Friday, August 26th**

2nd Payment Due: **\$20 – Friday, September 22nd**

3rd Payment Due: - **\$20 – Friday, October 20th**

***Families that have more than one child participating in band (Beginning Band), “buy one, get one half off” will apply! ☺ If your son/daughter is also going to participate in chorus, “Fair Share” for chorus is **FREE**, (should not be paid) only for band.

***If there is a financial hardship, please let me know. No child should be left out for financial reasons.

After reading through the remainder of the handbook, please complete the on-line form titled: **Advanced Band Student Information Form- 2017 - 2018** on Mrs. Isabelle’s website: <http://teachers.stjohns.k12.fl.us/isabelle-k> by **Friday, August 26th**.

Please have your son/daughter return the first “Fair Share” payment to me by **Friday, August 25th**.

Thank You! Musically,

Mrs. Kathe Isabelle-Band Director

Mrs. Jeanette Murphy - Principal

Materials Needed for Band Each Day

Instrument ☺

Music

Folder

Pencil ☺

Two GOOD reeds (clarinets / alto saxophones / tenor saxophones)

Hand Towel (brass instruments)

Cleaning supplies YES! ☺

Great, Positive Attitude, with a BIG Smile! ☺

Uniform

**1) Silkscreened T-Shirt that I will be ordering from O'Meara's Advertising Specialties so you do NOT need to shop for one. My goal is to have all the students look the same, and alleviate you to wear from having to shop!
In addition to wearing this shirt to ALL the performances, the children may also wear it to school on Friday's, which is school spirit day.**

**2) Solid navy (only) blue slacks (girls and boys)
Stores sell out of these fast, so I would try to buy these as soon as possible!**

*****Jeans are not permitted for any of the performances.**

*****The slacks may be found at stores such as: Bealls, Walmart, Target, Sears, Belk, Dillard's, Marshalls, TJ Maxx, Old Navy, and JCPenney's Back to School Catalog.**

3) Black shoes - girls and boys (NO sneakers/tennis shoes)

4) Navy (only) ankle socks for the girls

5) Navy (only) ankle or crew socks for the boys

Rules

1) Attend all rehearsals.

Consequences: Students who have more than 3 unexcused absences will be dismissed from band. I will notify the student's parent(s) after the second unexcused absence.

Band does NOT interfere with Safety Patrol duties. Mrs. Isaaco works with students who are in band. PLEASE let her know ahead of time if you are participating in band.

Band does NOT interfere with the "Morning Show".

Students may still be a part of the cast, and still leave band rehearsal at the normal 8:15 A.M. time.

*** ALL students are expected to complete their homework at home the night before, and NOT miss a band rehearsal in order to complete it. Doing so counts as an unexcused absence. Completing classwork for another teacher BEFORE 8:15 or after school on band days BEFORE 4:00 also count as unexcused absences.

2) Attend all performances.

Consequence: Students who miss one performance, and I have not received a note from a parent or guardian will be dismissed from band pending a discussion with the student's parent(s).

3) Wear the band uniform to all performances.

Consequences: First Time: Students who do not wear their band uniform will be asked to sit out of that performance, and their parent(s) will be notified.

Second Time: Students, who do not wear their band uniform to more than one performance, will be dismissed from band.

4) Speak and act in a respectful manner.

Consequences: First Time: Warning

Second Time: Time Out – Notify parent(s) by letter that will need to be returned to Mrs. Isabelle the next day.

Third Time: Dismissal from band.

5) Have a "C" average in academics at the time of each performance.

Students, who this may affect, will not be allowed to perform due to School Board policy.

6) Keep all gum for lunch and recess.

Performances:

***** PLEASE note, that these dates and times are TENTATIVE.**

Friday, December 8: River Garden Hebrew Home – 10:30 A.M.

Thursday, December 14th: Holiday Concerts – JCE's Cafeteria

9:30 A.M. for students, faculty/staff, and 7:00 P.M. for family/friends

Saturday, March 10th: JCE's Family Fun Day! ☺ Time - TBA

Friday Evening in February: “Ice Skating Party” (Jacksonville Ice)

Date / Time (TBA)

March or April: Spring Concerts in JCE's Cafeteria – Date TBA

9:30 A.M. for students, faculty/staff, and 7:00 P.M. for family/friends

*****There may be other performances throughout the year. I will send home a letter/permission slip at least two weeks in advance of each performance. All of the students will be required to make-up all school work that is missed due to a performance.**