

Julington Creek Elementary School

Advanced Band Handbook



Band Director: _____

Mrs. Kathe Isabelle

Dear Parents,

August 10, 2018

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 27th**. **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 8th (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. Participation in band requires attendance at all rehearsals and performances. Missing performances due to other activities will result in dismissal from band.**

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

1st Payment Due: **\$20 – Friday, August 24th**

2nd Payment Due: **\$20 – Friday, September 21st**

3rd Payment Due: - **\$20 – Friday, October 19th**

***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, “Chorus Fee” 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- 2018 - 2019** 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 “Band Fee” payment to me by **Friday, August 24th**.

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 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. The shirt is the same as last school year so your child may wear the same one if you would like.

- 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. Performances, dates/or times may be added/or deleted.**

December: TBA - River Garden Hebrew Home – 10:30 A.M.

December: TBA - Holiday Concert – JCE’s Cafeteria - 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 10th: JCE’s Family Fun Day! ☺ Time – 11:30 A.M.

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

Date / Time (TBA)

April: TBA - Spring Concert in JCE’s Cafeteria – 7:00 P.M.

*****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.**

Band Contract

Student Commitment: I have read the 2018-2019 Julington Creek Elementary School Band Handbook information. I am making a one year commitment. I will not “drop out” before the end of the school year.

- 1) I will arrive on time for rehearsals and performances.
- 2) I will listen for directions and follow the conductor.
- 3) I will attend all rehearsals and performances unless excused for illness.
- 4) I will wear the required performance uniform as required for the performances.
- 5) I will follow the rules as stated in the handbook.
- 6) I WILL ENJOY MYSELF! ☺

Parent Commitment: I have read the 2018-2019 Julington Creek Elementary School Band Handbook information. By signing this form, I agree to the following guidelines:

- 1) I understand this is a one year commitment.
- 2) I will have my child at rehearsals and performances on time.
- 3) I will check the band folder for letters, school newsletters, and e-mail for information regarding rehearsals and performances.
- 4) I will have my child attend all rehearsals and performances unless excused for illness. In the case of illness or emergency, I will provide written notification as soon as possible.
- 5) I will provide my child with the required performance uniform for the performances.
- 6) I will encourage my child to enjoy the rehearsals and the performances.
- 7) I will review and discuss the rules with my child.

I have gone through this handbook with my child and feel we both understand the commitment being made to the Julington Creek Elementary School Band. ☺

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Student/Parent Information

Student's Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent's Names: Mom: _____

Dad: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Parent's E-Mail Address: PLEASE print clearly. ☺ _____

*****This address is very important because I plan on communicating this way in addition to sending home letters.**

Work Numbers: Mom: _____

Dad: _____

Approved Emergency Name and Phone Number: _____

I would like to be a chaperone on a band field trip (performance). Yes ___ No ___

***** Please verify if BOTH mom and dad would like to chaperone.**

*****Be sure to complete the "Volunteer Application Form" ASAP which can be found on the School District's website. *****

I would like to help serve refreshments at a band performance. Yes ___ No ___

Band Shirt Sizes

Please place a () on the line next to the correct size. The sizes run SMALL! Parents do not need to order (buy) a shirt in order to be a chaperone. You may wear whatever you want! ☺

Children's Sizes:

_____ Small (6 - 8)

_____ Medium (10 - 12)

_____ Large (14 - 16)

_____ X - Large (18 - 20)

Adult Sizes:

_____ Small

_____ Medium

_____ Large

_____ X - Large

Student's Name _____

Parent's Name (only if buying a shirt) _____

*****Please return this form to Mrs. Isabelle by **Friday, August 24th.****

Mrs. Isabelle's Volunteer Form

I would really love help in the following areas if you can spare some time! ☺**** If you would like to be a chaperone, you **MUST** complete the "Volunteer Application Form" that can be found on St. John's County's District website. This is a state requirement.

(Please check any activity you would like to help with, based on your interests and abilities.)

_____ Coordinating parents to be chaperones for performances away from school.

_____ Coordinating refreshments following the Thursday, December 13th performance.

_____ Video Taping concerts / making copies of CD's and DVD's of concerts.

****Please have your child return this sheet to me by

***** Friday, August 24th. *****