

## Carriel and Fulton Jr. High Band Open House Info

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**BAND WEBSITE AND UP TO DATE CALENDAR::** [www.of90bands.com](http://www.of90bands.com)

Please take a moment to fill out the contact info survey on the website to ensure we have an up-to-date email and contact information on file: [New Parent/Updated Contact Information Form](#)

### **OUR MISSION**

*The Mission of the District 90 Band Program is to provide your student with a variety of musical experiences aimed to help them develop as a musician and a responsible young adult. The curriculum is designed to be challenging and comprehensive, with a focus on music literacy and superior performance.*

### **GRADING-MAJOR GRADES**

Concert Attendance	100 pts/concert
Google Classroom Video Playing Assessments	50 pts each
Weekly Preparation/Participation	5 pts/day
Private Lessons	5pts extra credit/lesson

### **CONCERT AND REHEARSAL CONFLICT POLICY**

Band is considered a co-curricular class, we have several events outside of the school day such as concerts. These are an important part of the student's education and grade. If there is a conflict with either an after school rehearsal or a concert, it must be communicated at least 2 weeks prior to the event. An alternate assignment will be given which is due the day of the concert. Students who has an unexcused absence for the event and/or do not provide prior communication will receive an automatic "0". Students and parents will be asked to sign a performance contract reflecting understanding of the concert commitments.

### **REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE & EXPECTATIONS**

- Be On Time
- Be Prepared
- Do Your Best!

### **REQUIRED MATERIALS**

- Black 3 Ring Binder (2"+)
- Plastic Sheet Protector Sleeves
- A binder (3 ring) pencil pouch with a pack of sharpened pencils.
- Instrument in working order
- All reeds, valve oil, and cleaning supplies
- Percussionists need snare and timpani sticks, medium yarn mallets, a stick bag, and 2 percussion books. We will have a discounted "package" from Music & Arts, more info to come.
- Band Polo

### **SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS**

School owned instruments are available on a limited basis. There is no guarantee that an instrument will be available for any student. The condition of each instrument is noted before being checked out. Students/Parents have a responsibility to repair or pay for repairs of any damage occurring while the instrument is in the student's possession before it is returned. Typically, instruments are only checked out if they are in good condition and many are adjusted and serviced over the summer. Students who use a school owned instrument must pay a \$50 instrument maintenance fee each year, assessed at the beginning of the school year.

### **DISCIPLINE**

1st Issue-Verbal Warning

2nd Issue-Student will be asked to put their instrument away and will lose credit for the day

3rd Issue-Referral and Parent Notification

### **COMMUNICATION**

Weekly "newsletter" via email and posted on the website. Please take a moment to fill out the contact info survey on the website to ensure we have an up-to-date email on file.

## MUSIC STORE-RENTAL AND REPAIR INFORMATION

Our preferred music store is Music & Arts, located on Highway 50 in Fairview Heights. If you need supplies, feel free to order them and have them delivered to the school through [www.musicarts.com](http://www.musicarts.com)

If there is a repair issue, students should fill out this repair form: [Music & Arts Repair Ticket](#)

If you need to rent an instrument, go to [www.musicarts.com/rentals](http://www.musicarts.com/rentals)

## CONCERT ATTIRE

We will be requiring students to purchase a band polo to wear as concert attire, to be worn with black pants, black socks, and black dress shoes. Order forms are available tonight and should be returned by Friday in order to have them for their first performance in September. Cost is \$15. We have funds to assist families if necessary, contact your building principal if you need assistance. [The order form can be found here.](#)

## EXTRA CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

The band program is proud to offer several high-quality extra-curricular opportunities!

- **Private Lessons**-The best way to master an instrument is with one-on-one instruction. We are very fortunate to have high school students and professional teachers available who can challenge and help students at every ability level. This is too good of an opportunity to pass up!
- **Symphonic Winds**-auditioned "honor band" available to all students from both Jr. Highs. Auditions take place the first two weeks of school. Audition material can be found on the website. Rehearses M/Th-6-8pm at Carriel.
- **Illinois Music Education Association All-District Honor Band**-Students individually audition to be considered the best Jr. High Musicians in District 6 (Southern Illinois, Alton and south). Auditions are on Columbus Day, October 8th, audition material can be found on the website and is the same as for the Symphonic Winds.
- **Jazz Bands**-Auditioned "Big Band" style jazz groups. One at each Jr. High, auditions take place October 9th-12th, and the groups begin rehearsing the week of October 15th. Carriel-M/W 3-3:50, Fulton-T/Th 3-3:50.
- **Solo & Ensemble**-Students prepare individual solos or small groups to perform at Solo & Ensemble Contest held at Carriel on February 2nd.
- **All-Illinois Junior Band**- An All-State level ensemble held at the University of Illinois in February. Auditions are recorded and must be submitted by November 2nd. Open to current 7th and 8th graders. More info at [www.aijb.org](http://www.aijb.org)

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We are grateful to have supportive and involved parents in our band program. Typically, we organize volunteers through postings on [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). We have several events fundraisers throughout the year, please let Mr. Donahue know if you're interested in organizing, assisting, or shadowing one of our coordinators:

- Pancake Breakfast-September 8th
- Fall Poinsettia Sale
- Solo & Ensemble Contest (Concession Sales)-February 2nd
- Spring Flower Sale
- Metro East Middle School Band Festival (Concession Sales)-March 16th
- Contest and Trip Chaperones

## FIRST ASSIGNMENTS FOR BAND STUDENTS

- **Due Friday, August 17th**-Polo Order Form for New Students, All 6th Graders, and students who need a new polo. [Band Polo Order Form](#)
- **Due Friday, August 17th**-Binder Grade, all students must have:
  - Black Binder (2"+)
  - Plastic Sheet Protectors with Music in Them
  - Binder Pencil Pouch with sharpened pencils
- **Due Friday, August 17th**-Signed Performance Contract
- **Due Friday, August 24th**-First Google Classroom Playing Video
  - Fulton 6th Grade Code: expkpor
  - Fulton 7th Grade Code: basjho
  - Fulton 8th Grade Code: pqdw7u
  - Carriel 6th Grade Code: y6buelu
  - Carriel 7th Grade Code: ox1lw7z
  - Carriel 8th Grade Code: b8l1sv
- **Due Friday, August 24th**-Rhythm Quiz (during class)