



# 7th Grade Band Syllabus



## Course Description

7<sup>th</sup> Grade band is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of band instruction at Shelburne. It is a place where students get to have fun while further honing their skills on their instruments. We will showcase our skills for the community with a variety of concerts. Students will also have the opportunity to audition for two honor bands this year, Valley Honor Band and All-District Band. We will learn responsibility through routines and a rigorous assessment schedule. We will practice good rehearsal techniques and concert etiquette and be a beacon of good character for our school!

## 2023-2024 Performance Schedule

Please note that concerts in **BOLD** are required and are part of the class grade (see *Grading Requirements*). Also, if more than one band is playing on a concert, students must stay to the end of the concert.

Date	Time	Who?	Event	Location
<b>Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands</b>	<b>Fall Concert</b>	<b>Staunton HS</b>
Wed, Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 pm	Interested 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Valley Honor Band Auditions	Wilson MS
Saturday, Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 am	Interested 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	District Band Auditions	Waynesboro HS
TBD	Field Trip	Woodwind Ensemble	Woodwind Ensemble Trip	SCS Elem Schools
<b>Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band WW Ens.</b>	<b>Winter Concert</b>	<b>Staunton HS</b>
Wed, Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bands	Winter Concert Snow Date	Staunton HS
Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Selected 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Valley Honor Band Event	Stuarts Draft HS
Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Day	Selected 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	All-District Band Event	Staunton HS
Feb. TBD	Field Trip	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band	JMU Field Trip	JMU
<b>March 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands</b>	<b>State Assessment</b>	<b>Spotswood HS</b>
Mon, March 18 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Selected 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	All District Jazz Band	Bridgewater College
April TBD	Field Trip	Jazz Band	Jazz Band Field Trip	Bridgewater College
<b>Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands</b>	<b>Spring Concert</b>	<b>Staunton HS</b>
Sunday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	TBD Afternoon	All SCS Bands & Choirs	Party in the Park!	Gypsy Hill Park Rain: Staunton HS

## **Course Platforms**

**Google Classroom** – Each student will be invited through email, Parents and Guardians will be invited to sign up for weekly reports of materials and student participation. *All assignments and resources for the year will be posted on Google Classroom.*

**Parent and Student Portal** - Grades can be checked using our parent portal located at <https://scps.powerschool.com/public/home.html>. You can pick up your login information from the front office.

## **Materials**

**Instrument & Equipment** – A checklist of instrument-specific requirements is posted on Google Classroom. These materials should be acquired *before the start of the school year!* Two local music stores that we work with are listed below.

### **Shen Valley Band**

144 N Liberty St, Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
(540) 434-8546  
[svband@verizon.net](mailto:svband@verizon.net)  
<https://www.shenvalleyband.com/>

### **Music & Arts (Through Heifetz Institute)**

107 E Beverley St, Staunton, VA 24401  
<https://www.musicarts.com/>  
[Gregory.Brown@musicarts.com](mailto:Gregory.Brown@musicarts.com)

**Instrument Repair** – If you own your instrument, we recommend sending it to Shen-Valley for repair. You can either take the instrument to their Harrisonburg store for repair or students can leave it in the repair box in the Band Room and Shen-Valley will pick it up on Tuesdays.

If you rent your instrument through Shen-Valley, you can either take it to their Harrisonburg store for repair or they can leave it in the repair box in the Shelburne band room and Shen-Valley will pick it up on Tuesdays.

If you rent your instrument through Music and Arts, they can pick up by request at Shelburne or you can take it to the Heifetz storefront on Beverly street.

**Note:** Shen-Valley is very fast (most repairs take a week) however it should be noted that due to the volume of repairs that they do, they can't call every single person that sends in an instrument before they repair it. Their policy is that if you send them an instrument and the repair is less than 50 dollars, they will go ahead and do it, then bill you for it. If the repair is more than 50 dollars, they will call you before doing anything.

## **SOLs and Course Objectives**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band course objectives will be based on the 2020 revisions of the VA Instrumental Music Standards. Core tenants of the curriculum will be:

- Creative Process (MIAD.1 & MIAD.2)
- Critical Thinking and Communication (MIAD.3, MIAD.4, and MIAD.5)
- History, Culture, and Citizenship (MIAD.6, MIAD.7, and MIAD.8)
- Innovation in the Arts (MIAD.9, MIAD.10, MIAD.11)
- Technique and Application (MIAD.12, MIAD.13, MIAD.14, MIAD.15, & MIAD.16)

## **Grading Requirements**

### **Grade Breakdown**

34% Classwork & Daily Class Grade

33% Assessments

33% Concert Attendance

### **Classwork & Daily Class Grade**

Band is a team activity; we succeed as a group, not as individuals. As such, students' full participation in every activity in rehearsals is critical to the success of the group. Students will receive a 10-point **Daily Class Grade** for participation in rehearsal (5 points), having all required materials (3 points), and being ready on time (2 points). Additionally, any activities we complete in class will fall in the **Classwork** category.

### **Assessments**

All assessments are opportunities for students to demonstrate mastery of a targeted skill, and will take different forms depending on the skill being assessed. One assessment may be recording a video of playing something specific, or a written or digital test, or playing in person during class. Students are allowed to retake assessments as many times as they want before the grading period is over. We want every student to have the chance to get better. However, if a student doesn't practice the material and asks to retake it, we will tell them they cannot try again until they spend time practicing it. If the absence is unexcused, no makeup assignment will be provided.

### **Concert Attendance**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Students have four required performances: the Halloween Concert, Winter Concert, State Assessment Performance, and Spring Concert. Please reference the calendar on page 1 for specific dates, times, and locations. Students are expected to support their peers and stay for the entire concert. Absence will only be excused for the same reasons that SCS excuses absences from school. If you think that you will be absent, please contact the directors as soon as possible! If the absence is excused, a makeup assignment will be given.

### **Homework**

Specific homework will not be assigned, however students are expected to practice at home to prepare for their playing tests and upcoming performances. It is recommended that students practice playing in front of their family to prepare for the "nervous feeling" that typically comes with a playing test!

## **Class Procedure**

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1. Get your Instrument + Binder then go to your seat
2. Assemble your instrument.
3. When the timer is zero, stand up with your instrument laying in your chair. Clarinet and Sax players must have their reeds on the instrument by this time. If you're not done assembling your instrument, you will be marked tardy!

## Assessment Calendar



# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Pass-Offs 2023 – 2024



Passed?	What?	When?	How?	
	<u>Scale Test 1</u> WW: Low Scales 1-4 Brass: Low Scales 1, 2, 4, 6 Snares: Beginner Rudiments 1-4	August	Recorded	1 <sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks
	<u>Chromatic Study 3</u> Percussion: Snare & Mallets	September	Recorded	
	<u>Scale Test 2</u> WW: Two Octave Scales 1-4 Brass: Trampoline 3 & 4 Snare: Interm. Rudiments 1-4	September	Recorded	
	<u>Note Naming Test</u> High Range Mad Minute	October	Written	

	<u>Chromatic Study 6</u> Percussion: Snare & Mallets	October	Recorded	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 Weeks
	<u>Scale Test 3</u> WW: Low Scales 5-7 Brass: Scales 3, 5, 7 Snare: Beg. Rudiments 5-7	October	Class	
	<u>Chromatic Study 10</u> Percussion: Snare & Mallets	November	Recorded	
	<u>Note Naming Test</u> Low Range Mad Minute	November	Written	
	<u>Winter Concert Pass Off</u> Winter Concert Music	December	Class	

Passed?	What?	When?	How?	
	<u>Rhythm Test</u>	January	Written	3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks
	<u>Scale Test 4</u> WW: Two Octave Scales 5-7 Brass: Two Octave Scales 1, 2 Snare: Interm. Rudiments 5-7	January	Recorded	
	<u>Assessment/JMU Pass Off</u> TBD from Assessment Rep	February	Class	

	<u>Rhythm Test</u>	March	Written	4 <sup>th</sup> 9 Weeks
	<u>Spring Pass-Off</u> Spring Concert Music	April	Recorded	
	<u>Note Naming Test</u> Mad minute	May	Written	

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I understand the following things.

1. My student is required to attend the following 4 concerts, and the dates are written in my calendar:
  - a. **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** – Fall Concert
  - b. **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** – Winter Concert
  - c. **March 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>** – State Assessment Field Trip
  - d. **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** – Spring Concert
2. Concert Dress is as follows:
  - a. White button up shirt (short or long-sleeved
  - b. Black dress pants (NOT black jeans, jeggings, spandex, or capris)
  - c. Black Shoes and Socks
  - d. Black skirts/dresses can be worn, but must be ankle length

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_