



Mills Park Middle School Band
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8th GRADE BAND SYLLABUS

Welcome back 8th Grade Band Students and Parents!

Listed below are the policies that affect your class specifically. All other important band information is in the band handbook.

Band Handbook:

Please read the band handbook for policies and important information and fill out the student information form. Both can be found on our webpage www.millsparkbands.com

Materials needed for class: Due Sept 8th, 2023

Mills Park Advanced Band – Instrument Specific [Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician](#) and [Foundations for Superior Performance](#)

- 1"-1.5" three ringer binder
- 20 clear document pages
- Pencils, handouts, music
- [Music Stand](#) for home
- [Personal Property Waiver](#)

Books can be purchased at Hill's Music Shoppe, Amazon.com, local music stores (call first)

Concert Dates:

Mark these dates on your calendar now so there will not be any conflicts.

October 30, 2023 – MPMS Halloween Concert

December 5, 2023 – Winter Concert at Green Level HS I

March 5, 2024 – Pre-MPA Concert **tentative**

March 13 & 14, 2024 - MPA performance window @ Green Hope HS **tentative**

May 16, 2024 – MPMS Spring Concert 615pm call

May 18, 2024 – MPMS performance at Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, VA **pending approval**

Concert Dress:

White tuxedo shirts, black trim. Please refer to [handbook](#)

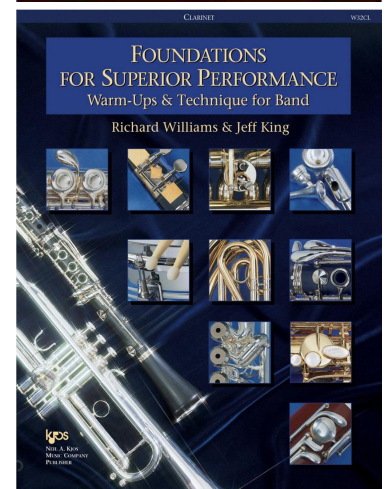
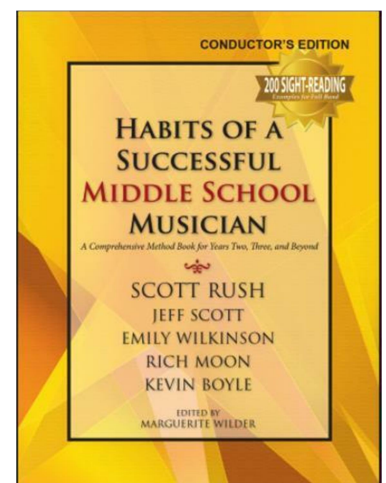
Honor Band Information:

I hope you all consider auditioning for our honor bands (All County, All District, All State)

Audition requirements, dates and locations can be found on our website under "[Scales & Auditions](#)"

October 24, 2023 – Wake All County Band auditions

November 16 & 17, 2023 – Wake All County Band clinic





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January 6, 2024- ECDBA All-District Auditions
January 26 & 27, 2024- ECDBA All-District Clinic
March 2, 2024 – NC Honors All State Auditions
April 26-28, 2024 – NC Honors All State Clinic

Private Lessons:

Private lessons, highly recommended for students in 7th grade band. As a student improves, a greater collection of literature becomes available to them and will enable them to excel, which in turn improves the band. With the aid of private instruction, students also find greater opportunity through experiences like all-county, all-district, and all-state band. Many parents have found that enrolling their child in private lessons pays back when they receive college scholarships. Over half of students who continue band through high school receive some or all payment for college.

This is the list of private teachers in the area, please feel free to email me or see me before or after class for references.

[Triangle Philharmonic List of Private Teachers](#)

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Here's to a great year!

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