



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 9th, 2024

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

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 22, 2024 – All County Honors Band Auditions

November 13, 2024 – MPMS International Festival

December 10, 2024 – Winter Concert at Green Level HS

January 11, 2025 – All District Honors Band Auditions

March 6, 2025 – Pre-MPA Concert

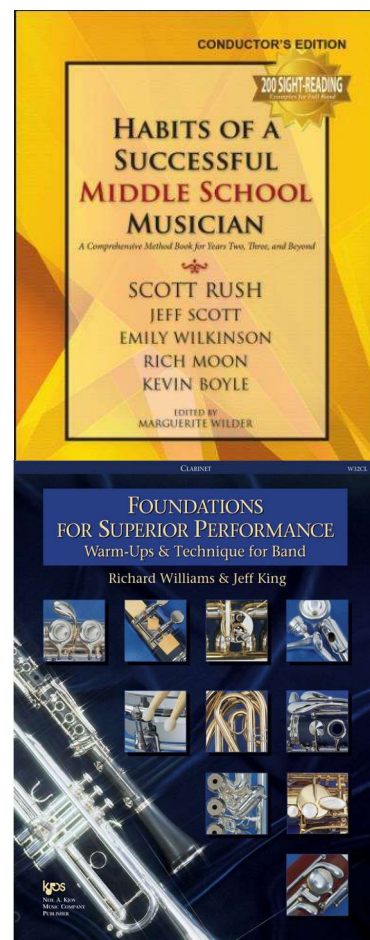
March 12 or 13, 2025 - MPA Performance

May 13, 2025 – MPMS Spring Concert

May 17, 2025 – MPMS performance at Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, VA **pending approval**

Concert Dress:

All Concert Black. Please refer to [handbook](#)





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Honor Band Information:

Please encourage your student to prepare and audition for honor bands (All County, All District, All Region, All State Jazz, All State Honors)

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

October 22, 2024 – Wake All County Band auditions

November 21 & 22, 2024 – Wake All County Band clinic

January 1, 2025 - ECDBA All-District Auditions

January 17 & 18, 2025 – All Region Jazz Clinic

January 24 & 25, 2025 - ECDBA All-District Clinic

March 8, 2025 – NC Honors All State Auditions

May 2-4, 2025 – 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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