

CVCS MS Band November Bulletin

Dear Middle School Band Parents and Students,

I hope this message finds you and your family well as we start the many activities that accompany this fall and winter season. The fall concert season is well underway, and students are working hard to prepare great music for you and your families. It has been my pleasure to work with your sons and daughters over the past few months. If you have not heard, I have broken the bands up into three separate ensembles. Rather than a 6th through 8th grade band, I have made two groups. Now we have 5th grade band, 6th grade band and 7th/8th grade band. I believe this decision has proven to be successful and will continue to benefit the students. The groups are smaller and better catered to their band experience levels. Each student is vital to the sound of the whole group. Band is an activity in which no student sits “on the bench” during the game. All students contribute during the entire performance. Thank you for encouraging your son or daughter to be involved in band.

Please note the following information. The last section of this bulletin shows the balance due of band fees for your student. Please contact me if it is incorrect. I look forward to seeing you at our first band concert!

Nick Wiltgen

Band Website

*Please visit the band website frequently: <http://nwiltgen.sted.iowapages.org/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

5th-8th Grade Band Concert 7:00 PM, **Columbus High School Gym**

Students will warm up in the following rooms at 6:30 PM:

5th Grade: Band Room, 6th Grade: Youth Religion Room

7th/8th Grade: Choir Room

We ask that you please help provide the following items for refreshments following the concert:
(Please drop off items in the HS Commons across the hallway from the Columbus Gym before the concert)

Blessed Sacrament Students:

All students bring 1 ½ dozen cookies/bars

Sacred Heart Students:

5th graders bring 1 package of cups, 6/7th graders bring 1 package of napkins

Saint Edward Students:

All students bring 1 gallon/jug of drink

Concert Dress:

5th Grade students:

- *Shirt and Pants:* Please wear a *school-appropriate* outfit for the concert (no t-shirts or blue jeans). You may choose the colors as long as your clothes are dressy and do not have words or graphics printed on them. Ladies may wear pants, or dresses/shirts that are knee length or longer. Please tuck in shirts.
- *Shoes:* NO FLIP FLOPS! Wear dressy shoes if possible (do not purchase dress shoes if you don't have any. A solid colored sports tennis shoe is acceptable).

6th-8th Grade students:

- *Shirt and Pants:* Please wear your official CVCS Middle School Band maroon Polos and khaki pants. Please tuck in shirts.
 - *Shoes:* NO FLIP FLOPS! Wear dressy shoes if possible (do not purchase dress shoes if you don't have any. A solid colored sports tennis shoe is acceptable).
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Reminders

➤ **Band Rehearsals**

- As the winter season approaches, remember that there will be no band rehearsals on days when the Waterloo Schools are delayed or cancelled.
- If possible, please have students arrive to rehearsals by 7:20 AM to assemble their instruments and get seated on time
 - *If a student is gone from rehearsal* for any reason, please email or call to inform me. Here is how to reach me:
 - nwiltgen@cvcatholic.org
 - Monday & Friday PM: Blessed Sacrament – (319-233-7863)
 - Tuesday & Thursday: Saint Edward – (319-233-6202)
 - Wednesday & Friday AM: Sacred Heart - (319-234-6593)

➤ **During Christmas Break**

- This is an excellent time for students to play for their families and demonstrate the progress they have made this year!
 - Any instruments that are in need of repairs, the repair shops still operate during the break period. It would be a good time to have instruments fixed.
- If students need reeds or supplies, contact me and I will order them for you. They will deliver them to school and you can pay the school back.
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Fees due for band

*Please write checks to CVCS. Please return to the school office ASAP in an enveloped marked "Band Fee for (student's name)" and include the amount enclosed. Thanks!

Your student does not have a balance due for band

Your student has a balance of \$_____due for the following items: