

**CENTRAL BALDWIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



BAND HANDBOOK



2025 - 2026

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Welcome Message	1
Ensembles	2
Attendance/Class Procedures	3
Attire, Grading, Lessons	4
Instrument Materials	5
Management Plan	6
Calendar	7-8
Recording Agreement	9
Contact	10
Website QR Code	11



WELCOME MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF BANDS MR. COLLINS



Dear Band Members and Parents,

Welcome to the Central Baldwin Middle School Band program! We are very proud of our band program here at the middle school and are glad that you have chosen to be a part of our tradition of excellence. Our program consists of over 240 students. Our ensembles include 7th grade concert band, 8th grade concert band, Jazz Band and Pep Band. The CBMS band program has a rich history of outstanding achievement. The band program has earned superior ratings at the yearly Alabama Bandmasters Music Performance Assessment (state assessment) and many of our students have been selected for County, District, and Alabama All-State Honor Bands.

Students in all band classes have opportunities to take private lessons, perform at State Assessments, Honor Bands, Solo Festivals, and much more. Many students in the band program are also active in other activities, such as Athletics, Peer Helpers, STEM, etc. It is the goal of the band program to foster a lifelong love of music and to help students realize their potential in band as well as in life.

Our CBMS Band motto is to teach students leadership, pride, and commitment through music and to provide a learning environment in which ALL students have the ability to learn not only music, but skills that will benefit them later in life.

We are pleased to welcome you to the Central Baldwin Middle School Band program! Go Bears!

Sincerely,
Mr. Collins

ENSEMBLES

7TH GRADE BAND

This performance-based class is composed of 7th graders or students just beginning band that did not participate in 6th grade. Performances include district/state assessments and winter/spring concerts. These students continue to work on understanding of basic music literacy, instrument maintenance, proper posture and playing position, and development of characteristic tone quality through exposure to daily exercises and musical literature.



8TH GRADE BAND

This performance-based class is the middle school's most advanced performing ensemble for wind and percussion instrumentalists. This class is composed of 8th graders that are introduced to comprehensive musicianship through performance of challenging and varied literature. Skills and concepts from the previous year are developed and expanded upon. Students will continue to refine their musical skills and knowledge of musical literacy. Performances include district/state assessments and winter/spring concerts.

PEP BAND

This band is composed of 7th and 8th graders that perform at football games, pep rallies, and other events such as Open House, Orientations, and much more!



ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Our goal here in the CBMS Band is 100% attendance, 100% of the time.
- Attendance for ALL concerts, performances, and after-school practices is **mandatory and graded**.
- Please contact Mr. Collins in the event of an absence.
- Excused absences include, but are not limited to :
 - Personal Illness
 - Family Death or Illness
 - Other School Function
 - Family Planned Trip
 - Other: Please contact a Band Director directly
- In the event of an excused absence, the student will be given a makeup assignment.
- In the event of an unexcused absence, the student will receive a zero.

CLASS PROCEDURES/RULES

- No food or drinks allowed in the band room, unless specified. (Water is the only drink allowed in the band room).
- Come prepared with your method book, sheet music, and instrument everyday!
- Our main rule here : ***Always show a manner of respect for any teacher or peer in the classroom.***
- HAVE FUN!!

CLASS FEES/FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

- ALL students are required to pay a \$75 class fee.
- The fees will cover the cost of their band shirts that are used for pep band performances, their method book, sheet protectors, transportation for state assessments, and other needs for the band.
- The CBMS Band has **TWO fundraisers** each year!
 - Fundrays Fundraiser (Coupon Books and Online Items)
 - Students are **REQUIRED** to sell **atleast** one item. (Students are encouraged to sell as many items as possible!) This helps keep our band fees as low as possible!
 - Your student can “opt-out” of the two fundraisers by paying \$40 directly (\$20 per fundraiser) to the CBMS Band. Students will not be required to sell or participate in the fundraiser if this fee is paid .

PEP BAND/CONCERT BAND ATTIRE

- For ALL concerts, students will be dressed in “concert black”. Students have two options:
 - Black dress (school appropriate per Baldwin County guidelines) with black shoes / socks if needed.
 - OR
 - Black slacks, black long sleeve button down, and black shoes / socks if needed.
- For ALL pep band performances, students will wear the CBMS Band t-shirt, school appropriate shorts/pants, and shoes.
- ***Southern Performances will be coming by to fit our students for Concert attire. We highly recommend ordering through them!***

GRADING

1. Summative / Formative Assessments (60%)
 - Playing / Written Tests
 - Concerts
2. In Class Grade (30%)
 - Bringing all supplies to class everyday.
3. Out of Class Grade (10%)
 - After-School Rehearsals
 - Bringing instruments home every Friday.

PRIVATE LESSONS

- Private Lessons are not required, but are highly recommended for all students in the CBMS Band Program.
- Private Lessons are one-on-one, individually designed lessons that cater to the student’s needs to further their success on their respective instrument.
- Students will not only study the applied music from their class in these lessons, but also music for other opportunities, such as All-County, All-District, All-State, and Solo and Ensemble Festival. (Participation in Honor Bands is HIGHLY recommended! Students receive instruction from prestigious current/former band directors or musicians who are brought in to clinic these groups).
- If your student is interested, please contact Mr.Collins for further details, or refer to the “Private Lessons” tab on the CBMS Band website.

RECOMMENDED INSTRUMENT MATERIALS

FLUTE:

Tuning rod, cleaning swab, polishing cloth

OBOE/BASSOON:

At least two reeds at a time and reed cases, case for water (35MM film case works well), cork grease, and cleaning swab.

B FLAT SOPRANO & BASS CLARINET:

Blue Box Vandoren strength 2.5 or 3 reeds, reed guard/case, cork grease, and swab.

ALTO, TENOR, & BARI SAXOPHONE:

Blue Box Vandoren strength 2.5 or 3 reeds, reed guard/case, cork grease, swab, and neck strap.

TRUMPET:

Valve oil, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth, cleaning snake brush, and tuning slide grease.

FRENCH HORN:

Valve oil, mouthpiece, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth, and tuning slide grease. Students playing this instrument should also purchase their own mouthpiece if using a school owned instrument.

TROMBONES:

Slide oil, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth, cleaning snake brush, and tuning slide grease.

BARITONES & TUBAS:

Valve oil, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth, and tuning slide grease. Students playing these instruments should also purchase their own mouthpiece if using a school owned instrument.

8TH GRADE PERCUSSION:

Stick/Mallet bag with snare sticks, timpani mallets, and keyboard mallets. Name must be on everything!!

CBMS BAND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT PLAN

Classroom Expectations

- The student will be prepared for class each day with all necessary items.
- The student will not disrupt class in any manner (talking loudly, arguing with teacher, throwing items, etc.)
- The student will always show a manner of respect to all peers and teachers.
- The student will respond diligently to all tasks provided during class.

Classroom Discipline Consequences

- The student will have the following consequences, if they do not follow the above expectations, in this order :
 1. Verbal Warning
 2. Parent Contact
 3. Parent/Student/Teacher Conference
 4. Student office referral
 5. Potential removal from CBMS Band Program (Up to the discretion of administrators and band directors depending on the severity of offense)

Note : Certain behaviors that undermine the safety and well-being of our school will be immediately referred to the administration for appropriate disciplinary action. We aim to foster a safe learning environment for all students.

IMPORTANT DATES / PERFORMANCES

(ALL PERFORMANCES ARE MANDATORY AND PART OF THE STUDENT'S GRADE**)**

1. FOOTBALL GAMES

Football Game #1, Thursday, September 11th

- Report Time - 5:30pm
- Where - J.D. Sellars Stadium

Football Game #2, Friday, October 10th **(MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT W/ ROBERTSDALE HIGH MARCHING BAND!!)**

- Time TBA
- Where - J.D. Sellars Stadium

2. CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES

Wednesday, October 21st (Open House)

- Report time : 5:30pm
- Where : CBMS

Tuesday, December 2nd (Winter Concert)

- Report Time : 5:45pm
- Concert Start Time : 6:30pm
- Where : Robertsdale High School Gym

Tuesday, February 24th (Pre-MPA State Assessment Concert)

- Report Time : 5:45pm
- Concert Start Time : 6:30pm
- Where : Central Baldwin Middle School Gym

March 2nd through 6th (Potential MPA Concert Dates)

- We are waiting on more information at this time.
- Time : TBA
- Where : Davidson High School

Tuesday, March 10th (Rising 7th Grade Parent Meeting, ONLY 8TH GRADE BAND!!)

- Report Time : 5:30pm
- Where : CBMS

Tuesday, April 28th (Spring Concert)

- Report Time : 5:45pm
- Concert Start Time : 6:30pm
- Where : Robertsdale High School Gym

3. AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICES

- ALL after-school practices are **mandatory!**
- After-School practices are vital to the students' success, as these practices are the only time for the bands to perform as a full group due to school period scheduling.
- Please see the attached schedules below (respective 7th and 8th grade) to see all after-school rehearsals, honor bands, concerts, and much more!

7th Grade Schedule

AUGUST

11 - First day of classes
18 - Band Parent Meeting 6:00pm @ CBMS Gym

SEPTEMBER

11 - CBMS Pep Band Performance @ Football Game

OCTOBER

10 - Middle School Night w/ RHS Band
21 - Open House @ 6:00pm
27 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm

NOVEMBER

10 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
18 - All-County Honor Band Auditions

DECEMBER

1 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
2 - Winter Concert @ RHS Gym 6:30pm

JANUARY

15-16 - Baldwin County All-County Honor Band
26 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
31 - All District/State Honor Band Auditions

FEBRUARY

9 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
24 - Pre-MPA Concert @ CBMS 6:30pm

MARCH

2 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
2-6 - State Music Performance Assessment (MPA)
27-28 - District 7 Honor Band @ Daphne High
30 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm

APRIL

15-18 - All-State Honor Band @ Mobile, AL
21 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
28 - Spring Concert @ RHS 6:30pm

May

2 - Solo and Ensemble Festival

8th Grade Schedule

AUGUST

11 - First day of classes
18 - Band Parent Meeting 6:00pm @ CBMS Gym

SEPTEMBER

11 - CBMS Pep Band Performance @ Football Game

OCTOBER

10 - Middle School Night w/ RHS Band
20 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
21 - Open House @ 6:00pm

NOVEMBER

3 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
17 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
18 - All-County Honor Band Auditions

DECEMBER

2 - Winter Concert @ RHS Gym 6:30pm

JANUARY

15-16 - Baldwin County All-County Honor Band
31 - All District/State Honor Band Auditions

FEBRUARY

2 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
23 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
24 - Pre-MPA Concert @ CBMS 6:30pm

MARCH

3 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
2-6 - State Music Performance Assessment (MPA)
10 - Rising 7th Grade Orientation @ 6:00pm
27-28 - District 7 Honor Band @ Daphne High

APRIL

6 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
15-18 - All-State Honor Band @ Mobile, AL
27 - After School Practice 3:00pm - 4:30pm
28 - Spring Concert @ RHS 6:30pm

May

2 - Solo and Ensemble Festival

INSTRUCTIONAL RECORDING STATEMENT FROM BCBE

Instruction in this class might be recorded or streamed live. Any recordings will be available to students enrolled in this class. This is intended to supplement the classroom experience. Students are expected to follow appropriate school system and campus-wide policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access classroom recordings. Live streaming and recordings may not be captured or reproduced, shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments. Doing so would be a breach of the Baldwin County Public School System's Acceptable Use Policy. If I, or an administrator plans to use any recordings, beyond the classroom environment, students identifiable in the recordings will either be de-identified or will be notified prior in order to obtain proper consent prior to such use.

Handbook and Instructional Recording Agreement ****Please sign and return to Mr. Collins.****

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Printed Name: _____

CONTACT



dcollins@bcbe.org

[\(251\) 947-2327](tel:(251)947-2327)

www.centralbaldwinmsba.wixsite.com/website

Instagram QR Code



Facebook QR Code



CBMS BAND WEBSITE



PLEASE SCAN QR CODE FOR WEBSITE