

Angelo's Band Notes

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Welcome To Band!!!

Welcome to the 5th Grade Band! My name is Kimberlyn Angelo and I am excited to be your student's band director this year! This is my 8th year teaching, but 4th year in Olathe. However, I am a Bentwood, CT and Olathe East graduate, so I feel as if I've been in Olathe much longer than 4 years! 😊

I teach band at Bentwood, Countryside, Regency Place, California Trail and Olathe

East. Outside of teaching band, I perform as the principal percussionist in the Kansas City Wind Symphony, Crossroads Wind Symphony and I play French horn in the De Soto Brass Band.

I will be sending out newsletters periodically to let you know what your student is learning in band and what is coming up on the calendar!

When does band meet??

Regency Place- **B,D,BDE Days**

Bentwood, Countryside- **A,C,ACE Days**

**Please see the calendar provided at the beginning of band!

If you need another copy, let me know!

What have we been doing in band???

So far in band, we have worked on LOTS of different things.

- **Classroom and rehearsal expectations**
- **Setting up/putting away our instruments correctly and safely**

- **Reading rhythms by learning "Rhythm Fruits" (ask your student about our Rhythm Smoothies! 😊)**
- **Reading and learning how to play the first 3 notes in the book**
- **Reading book lines on page 5 and 6 of Sound Innovations.**

What do I need for band?

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Please make sure your student has the following for band class:

*Instrument

*Pencil

*Sound Innovations Book 1

*Instrument Supplies (see band packet)

*Portable Music Stand (These will stay at HOME except for during our concerts!)

All of these items can be found at a local music store. Please see the "Welcome To Band" Packet your student brought home. I have listed all supplies needed and a list of local music stores.

Band is for a grade???

Please remember that starting in 2nd Quarter, your student will be receiving a grade for band for the remainder of the year. They will be graded on the following:

Classroom participation and following expectations, coming to class with all their materials and participating in our performances.

Communication

I will primarily use email to communicate any band information to you.

Occasionally I will pass out hard copies of forms, however I usually email them out as well.

I will email you to update you on calendar information, give detailed information regarding concerts, and any updates/changes to our class schedule that you need to know. I promise that I will not overwhelm you with band emails! 😊

If you have a question or concern, it is always best to email me directly instead of contacting your student's classroom teacher. I try my best to be prompt with email responses and I will get back to you as quickly as I can!

Practicing

I do not have a required practice log in band, but I do expect students to practice. I know that all students have

very busy schedules outside of school, so I encourage them to make practicing their instrument work into their schedule! At first, I recommend trying to practice 3 times/week for 10 minutes at a time. It is VERY important that students continue to work on their instruments outside of our class time to keep working on the music reading skills, the muscles involved in playing the instrument and playing the different notes. If they do not practice, they will not improve as quickly as they would probably like to! Please help your student find a nice balance of practicing their instrument outside of class that works into their schedule!

Thanks for reading through the information. Until next time!



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Conferences

Please feel free to stop in and see me during conferences! If the time I am at your school does not work with your conference time, please feel free to email me and I am more than happy to email you your student's progress in band so far!



Words of Wisdom:

"What is your favorite part about band?"

"The fun songs we get to play." - 8th grade Baritone, CT

"Being able to perform in front of many people." - 8th grade Flute, CT

"All the friends you make and the fun you have." 8th grade Trombone, CT

"Learning how to play an instrument." -7th grade Percussion, CT

"Being able to play lots of different songs and getting better at my instrument." 7th Grade Alto Sax, CT

"Music can change the world because it can change people"

~Bono