

Beginning Band 2022-2023

5th Grade Students

Goals: Beginning band students will focus on reading music, basic techniques on their instruments, and playing within a group. Students will work on creating a foundation of basic music skills and techniques that will allow them to build and grow as a musician.

Performances:

- The two major performances for the Limestone Walters Beginning Band are the Winter Concert (TBA December) and Spring Concert. (TBA May) These concerts also include the 6th-8th grade Concert Band and the 5-8th Choir.
- The beginning band may also have the opportunity to play at special events within the school and community throughout the year.

Concert Dress:

- Unless otherwise stated, concert dress is nice clothes. All attire must be in accordance with the Limestone Walters Dress Code.

Lessons & Full Band Rehearsal:

- Students will attend weekly group lessons on their assigned day. Lesson groups are based on similar instruments. (Lesson times will be assigned after instruments are chosen and will be worked out between Miss Kunkel and Mrs. Vlachos. Students will not miss any classroom instruction for their band lesson. They will be pulled during group work time or WIN time.)
- All beginning band members will meet once a week, as a group, to work on ensemble playing skills. This full band rehearsal will be on Fridays from 7:55-8:40.
- If students do not have their instrument for a lesson or rehearsal, a supply card will be pulled.

Assessment:

- All students are expected to be on time and prepared for lessons and rehearsals. They should practice regularly and be prepared to work on the music they have been assigned. Students should come to band with their instrument, pencil, music, and all necessary equipment for their specific instrument.
- Students will be assessed based on participation, behavior, lesson/rehearsal attendance, performance attendance, music skills, and assignments.
- The grading policy for assignments will be the same as the junior high grading policy.

Dates for all events/performances will be communicated with you as soon as they are set. Please check the Beginning Band Page of the Limestone Walters Music Website (mskunkelclass.weebly.com) for regular updates, performance dates/times, and information. It can be found through the Limestone Walters website.

Please email Miss Kunkel at akunkel@limestonewalters.com with any questions.