

Concert Band 2021-2022

(7th-8th Grade Students)

Goals: 7-8th grade band students will focus on developing basic and extended techniques on their individual instruments. Students will expand their knowledge of standard band literature, music history, and musical style while focusing on concepts as an ensemble.

Performances:

- The two major performances for the Limestone Walters Concert Band are the Winter Concert (TBA December) and Spring Concert (TBA May). These concerts also include the 5th/6th Grade Beginning Band and the 5-8th Choir. The format of these concerts will depend on current guidelines and rules at the time of the concert. Information will be communicated closer to these dates and as we learn more.
- The Concert Band may also have the opportunity to perform at other special events at school and within the community (LCHS Homecoming Game, Pep Band, Spring Celebration, etc...)
 - Individual attendance at these special events will be based on meeting certain requirements (good behavior, attendance at concerts and lessons, no missing work, etc...)
- Other opportunities for band members include IGSMMA Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Concert Dress:

- Unless otherwise stated, concert dress is nice clothes. All attire must be in accordance with the Limestone Walters Dress Code.
- Students may be asked to wear certain bottoms for a specific performance (black pants and shoes for Band Fest, tennis shoes and khaki/black shorts for Homecoming game, etc...)

Lessons:

- Students will attend weekly group lessons. Lesson groups are based on similar instruments or by grade.
- The lesson schedule will rotate so students are not missing the same class each week.
- Students are responsible for any class work missed during a band lesson.
- Missed lessons can be made up by signing up for a make-up lesson with Miss Kunkel. In order to receive full credit for the missed lesson, it must be made up within two weeks of the missed lesson. Partial credit will be given for lessons made up after two weeks. At the end of the quarter, all missing lessons become zeros in the gradebook.

Assessment and Grading:

- 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, band folder with music, and all necessary equipment for their specific instrument.
- 7-8th grade students will be assessed and graded based on lesson/rehearsal attendance and participation, performance attendance and participation, behavior, assignments, and musical skills.

- The grading policy for band assignments will be the same as the junior high grading scale.
- If a student wishes to drop band from their schedule, they may do so only at the end of a semester (end of 2nd quarter or 4th quarter). This is to ensure that the full band's major performances are not affected by the loss of an instrumental part.

Please check the Band Page of the Limestone Walters Music Website (mskunkelsclass.weebly.com) for regular updates, performance dates/times, and information. The Music Website can also be found through the Limestone Walters website.

A schedule of performances and special events is below. More information about each individual event will come out closer to the actual date.

Questions? Email Miss Kunkel at akunkel@limestonewalters.com or check out the LW Music website (mskunkelsclass.weebly.com)

2021-2022 Concert Band Special Dates/Events

(Dates could be added/changed throughout the year. As of August, the following performances are on the schedule. As guidance and restrictions change, you will be notified of any changes to these events.)

LCHS Homecoming Game Performance	Friday, October 1
Playing at Veteran's Day Ceremony	Thursday, November 11
Winter Concert	TBA December
Solo & Ensemble Preview (for interested students)	TBA March
Solo & Ensemble Contest (for interested students)	Friday, March 11 or Sat. March 12
LCHS Band Fest	Wednesday March 23
Spring Concert	TBA May
Spring Celebration (Arts in the Park)	TBA May

Any changes in the schedule will be communicated with you immediately.