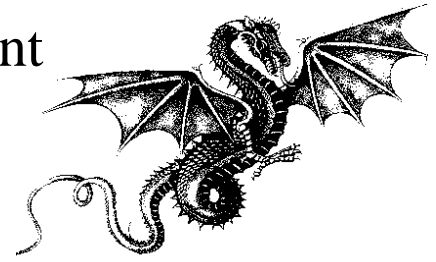


# Silver Creek Middle School Music Department

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## Band Class Information and Syllabus 2019-2020 School Year

Welcome to the SCMS Band Family!

Please read through this information carefully and always feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns! This syllabus can also be found on the band website at [www.scband.net](http://www.scband.net)!

### Classroom/Rehearsal Rules and Expectations

- Respect Yourself, Others, and the Equipment around you.
  - o If it's not yours, don't touch! ☺
- Always do YOUR best!
  - o Take Responsibility for your actions and goals

### Beginning of Class

- Be in the room by the time class is supposed to begin.
- Immediately get your instrument and music out and ready.
  - o Flutes and Clarinets should take cases to your seats. Everyone else get your instrument out and put your case back in your instrument locker
- Begin warming up on own
  - o Long tones, scales, and practicing other music to prepare for class
- At 2 minutes after the beginning of class, attendance will be taken and class will begin. All students are expected to be ready to play by this time.

### During Class

- Play your instrument only instructed by Mrs. Jochim or Mr. Smith. Do not play or talk during class when Mrs. Jochim or Mr. Smith are talking or briefly working with another section.
- Raise your hand if you have a question or need something.
- Encourage each other to do well!

### End of Class

- Mrs. Jochim or Mr. Smith will tell you to pack up instruments and put your stuff away approximately 1-2 minutes before the bell rings.
- Once your instrument is properly put away, return to your seat until a teacher dismisses you.

### Required Materials:

- **PENCIL!!!!!!** This is very important to have at your seat with you every day. The Handy Dandy Band Pencil! ☺
- Instrument in good working order.
  - This is your responsibility. If something is not working, Mrs. Jochim can advise on what needs to be done for repairs, but it is your responsibility to be sure the instrument is repaired in a timely manner.
  - If you need to obtain an instrument, speak with Mrs. Jochim for recommendations. There are many options, and we want to help you get an instrument that will work, be repairable when needed, fit within your budget, and will provide you the best opportunity for success!
- o **All supplies** necessary at all times for your instrument:

- Flute: Cleaning rod and swab
- Oboe: At least two reeds, swab
- Clarinet: At least 4 good reeds, swab
- Saxophone: At least 4 good reeds, swab
- Bassoon: At least 2 good reeds, swab
- Trumpet: Valve oil, tuning slide grease
- Horn: valve/rotor oil, tuning slide grease
- Trombone: slide oil/cream, tuning slide grease
- Baritone/Euphonium/Tuba: valve oil, tuning slide grease
- Required Reed Brands: Rico Royale, Vandoren (in your appropriate strength – see Mrs. Jochim if you are unsure)
- Valve Oil: This is a specialty oil (not a household oil of any type) and can be purchased from any music instrument retailer. Brand is not specific at this time.
- Supplies are NOT available at school. It is your responsibility to get/order these. I HIGHLY recommend ordering online at [www.conradmusicsservice.com](http://www.conradmusicsservice.com) for the very best prices. They deliver to school weekly for free. Be very aware of brand when ordering online! Not all reeds are created equal!
- Music and papers given in class
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be given a folder in which to keep all papers
  - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade need to have a 1” binder with at least 10-15 sheet protector pages (they will need more if they participate in outside ensembles such as pep band, marching band, solo/ensemble, jazz band, etc.).

## Grades

Grades are based on a total point average. There are three basic categories:

- Classroom Performance
  - Each day, you will earn up to 5 points in class. This grade will be entered in Infinite Campus once weekly as a 25 point grade. These points are earned are by:
    - In class daily performance (having your instrument is typically a pretty important part of this! ☺) = 4 points
    - Having YOUR music AND a pencil = 1 points
  - Occasional written assignments (that are not a level test) may be given and those points will be added in this category.
  - If instrument, etc. is forgotten, being repaired, etc. and you are not able to play in class that day, you will need to get a “Rehearsal Detective” sheet to complete in order to earn your daily in class points.
- Level Tests
  - There will be a “chunk” test each week. They day of week is assigned by instrument family.
    - The appropriate set of chunks (Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum) will be given to the student based on achievement.
    - Every students is required to attempt at least one chunk every week. This can be done in class, online via Google Classroom/Schoology, or at another time agreed upon by student and director.
      - If submitted online, the student must submit a video that shows the student playing the instrument. This is so that I can view and begin to assess any problems that may be arising in playing technique to help the student correct those.
    - Students are more than welcome to work ahead at any time, but can only do one chunk in class per week. If they want to work ahead, extra chunks need to be submitted via Google Classroom or playing in the morning before school. The band room is open every morning from 7:10 until 7:35am.
  - Each weekly level test is worth 10 points based on correct notes, rhythms, dynamics, posture, and musical expression, or based on correct answers in the case of a written quiz.

- In the case of two consecutive weeks without an attempt at a level test (due to not having materials in class), the assignment will be flagged as a missing and will apply toward the ZAP program.
- Public Performances
  - There will be a total of 3-5 public performances through the year. The dates are listed below. In order to earn the full 100 points for each performance, you must be on time, dressed appropriately (black and white NICE clothes for concerts, and Orange and Blue school pride for basketball games), and perform to the best of your ability.
  - Mrs. Jochim must be notified of schedule conflicts at least **TWO WEEKS** in advance, more if possible. Emergency or illness will be excused only if Mrs. Jochim is notified within 3 calendar days after the performance via a phone call or email from parent. Please understand that performances are demonstrations of learning in class and are considered assessments for class. More importantly, everyone in the class has worked together for a substantial amount of time in order to prepare for these performances. An absence affects everyone in the group. These performances are required for a grade. Mark your calendars and let me know if there is a pre-existing conflict.
    - **Performance Dates**
      - **Fall Concert → Sunday, September 22 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands only)**
      - **Winter Concert → Saturday, December 7 (all bands and choirs)**
      - **Basketball Games (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands only)**  
→ dates to be determined – will be sent out ASAP.
      - **Performance at IUS Ogle Center – Monday, April 13 (evening)**
      - **Spring Concert → Sunday, May 17 (all bands and choirs)**
  - \*\* The 6<sup>th</sup> grade bands will be going on tour to SCES in the early spring one day *during the school day* (as a field trip) to perform. Dates TBA.
  - An alternate assignment will be given for any missed performance. Since the skills and experience of an actual performance really cannot be replaced, the alternate assignment will include attending another **live performance** of a concert band, orchestra, choir, or musical theatre and writing a one-page paper about the performance. Details for the assignment will be given upon absence notification.

### Required Performance Attire

- For all concerts, students are required to dress NICELY in black and/or white. This could include black slacks/skirts and a white dress shirt or any combination of black and/or white (no “accent” colors please). Skirts/dresses should meet school dress code and *cover the knees when sitting*. Tops should cover the shoulder. If you are not able to obtain Concert Dress, please let Mrs. Jochim know, via email or note, at least two weeks before a performance. We can help to make those arrangements.

### Additional Information to know

- **Instrument care** will be covered in class. An instrument is an investment and must be taken care of. A properly cared for instrument can last many, many years.
- It is recommended to **keep instruments in the band room instrument lockers when they are at school**. Do NOT keep instruments in personal lockers. The band room doors are always locked if a director is not in the room to supervise. We have never had any issue with any instrument “walking off”. However, depending on the amount of your investment, I recommend checking with your homeowners or renters insurance to see if your instrument would be covered in the event of loss or damage, as the school’s insurance will not cover personal instruments in the case of a disaster or accident (fire, flood, tornado, etc.).
- At the beginning of the year, we will record the information for each student’s instrument in order to help keep a record in case of any issues that may arise.
- **End of year Holiday World trip**. This is a celebration trip for a job well done and for all the time students spend working towards goals throughout the year. Fundraising efforts will earn discounts on

the cost of the trip. Unexcused absences from performances or multiple office referrals for behavior will make you ineligible for this trip.

### **Communication**

- Frequent communication regarding band will be made via email. **Please** make sure a current and working email address is on file with the office! If you do not use email, please let Mrs. Jochim know.
- Frequently check the band website [www.scband.net](http://www.scband.net) for tips, schedules, times, and updates! You are also invited to join our facebook page: Silver Creek Band
- On an as needed basis, we will hold program-wide Band Boosters meetings. Everyone is invited to these! (It is not limited to high school, etc.). During these meetings we discuss upcoming events, work out planning details, decide fundraisers, etc. More great minds working together brings better ideas!

### **Fundraisers**

- It is usually necessary to do a fundraiser throughout the year in order to raise funds for ISSMA membership, entry costs for Organizational Festival, transportation, and for purchase and repair of school instruments. Participation in these is strongly encouraged, as the proceeds from any fundraiser benefits everyone – either directly or indirectly – in our band program.
- Any short term fundraising event will be communicated home via email and information sent home in class.
- We have an ongoing fundraiser with Kroger/JayC that we encourage you to be a part of:  
Kroger/JayC Community Rewards Program
  - o Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)
  - o Signing up for the Rewards Program does not take away any fuel points or discounts you already receive for having a Kroger/JayC Card. It is free, easy, and can really help our band program make some money to purchase new instruments!
  - o Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
  - o If a member does not yet have a Kroger Plus card, please let them know that they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
  - o Click on Sign In/Register
  - o Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the ‘New Customer?’ box.
  - o Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
  - o You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
  - o Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
  - o Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
  - o Enter NPO number or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
  - o SILVER CREEK BAND BOOSTERS NPO NUMBER IS 17548
  - o To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization’s name on the right side of your information page.

# Band Contract

Sign and return this page by Friday, August 2, 2019  
(This page will count a 10 point classroom grade.)

## Student:

I have read and understand the rules and expectations of band class. I agree to come to class prepared and to be prepared for performances. I understand the grading policy and will do my best this year in band class!

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent:

I have read the rules and expectations listed above with my child. I will encourage my child and will, to the best of my ability, ensure that they are prepared for class each day. I understand the importance of performances will do everything possible to be sure that my child is in attendance. I understand that dates and times of events can also be found on the band website at [www.scband.net](http://www.scband.net). I will contact Mrs. Jochim if any questions or concerns arise throughout the year.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Teacher:

I will enforce the rules and expectations listed above in a fair and consistent manner. I will encourage each student to gain skill and confidence through music education and performance. I will update grades on Infinite Campus regularly and contact the parents if any concerns arise. I will keep parents informed of upcoming events and other band information via email and the band website.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_