

**Mesick High School
Junior High School
and Sixth Grade
BAND**

2019-2020 Handbook



“The Pride of Mesick High”

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Contact Information

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Finding Information and Upcoming Events!

Facebook! “Mesick Bulldog Bands”

Website: mesickbands.weebly.com

REMIND: Free informational Texts from Mr. Jones

High School: Text: @[5031e](https://www.instagram.com/5031e) to 81010

Junior High: Text: @[067bf8](https://www.instagram.com/067bf8) to [81010](https://www.instagram.com/81010)

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Voice Mail – 885-1200, ext. 3415

Access to Current Monthly Calendar

School Calendar – mailed out in the Fall of each year.

School Website Calendar – always updated!

Grades: Band is both a class and an extra-curricular activity. For that reason, students are graded for their participation both in school and out of school – such as concerts and field trips.

- Parents and students have access to class attendance and grades online at our PowerSchool website.
- Mr. Jones will notify parents if their child is receiving a D or E for more than two weeks.

Band Boosters:

- Every band parent is a member of the Band Boosters. The primary goal is to support the band program and its students.
- Please join us in the Jr/Sr High Band Room at 6:00pm on Monday, September 21; Monday, October 19; Monday, November 16; Monday, February 1; Monday, March 15; Monday, April 19; and Thursday, May 6.

Student Expectations

Classroom Rules:

- All students should respect those around them, even if they may not get along with every student.
- All students will come into the classroom giving their best effort, everyday!
- All students should respect the band room equipment – DO NOT play any instrument, except your own, without permission from Mr. Jones
- All students should follow directions given to them in class.
- All students will engage in the everyday learning process with a *positive* attitude.
- All students (in accordance to junior high expectations) All students will not have a personal electronic device (cell phone, mp3, headphones) on them at any time during class.
- All students will respect the director's decisions – even if you do not agree.
- No candy, gum, food, or drink allowed in the room at any time.

Classroom Attendance Policy:

The band will follow the district's attendance policy for this class. Please MAKE SURE you understand this policy. The attendance policy is located in the student handbook.

- Absence:
 - a. Students who are absent from school MUST check in with Mr. Jones when they return to gather any missing assignments.
 - b. Students who are absent from the school day due to illness ARE ALLOWED to perform the day of a concert/performance. However, students are not required to attend because of an illness.
 - c. Students who do not show up for a performance (without giving Mr. Jones prior knowledge) will be given a grade of "0" for that performance.
- Tardies: Students will be marked tardy for entering the room late, having to leave the room at the beginning of the hour to retrieve materials, or are not set up and ready to begin 4 minutes after the bell has rung.

Early is on Time...On Time is Late!

- ✓ Missing Music/Instruments: Students who forget their instrument/music will still need to participate in class by fingering along in their music. However, these students will lose their daily participation points the 2nd time they forget their instrument. Students will not be allowed to work on homework, visit other classes, or go to the library.

Performance Policy:

- ❖ Students will be required to attend all performances/field trips listed on the band schedule, unless an emergency arises.
- ❖ Students who arrive late to a performance or warm-ups will lose points for that performance.

- ❖ Student conflicts need to be brought to Mr. Jones' attention in writing **AHEAD OF TIME!** To be fully excused, conflicts need to be reported by the end of the first week of each marking period. Working, future unscheduled appointments, and 'not knowing' of a performance are not excused.
- ❖ Students will always be in full band uniform during a performance, unless otherwise noted. Students will lose points and/or will not be allowed to participate if they do not follow the dress code.
 - When students are allowed to wear their own dress clothes, students must follow the school dress code. Blue jeans and tennis shoes will not be allowed. The length of skirts/dresses must be past the knees when the student is sitting.
- ❖ Students are allowed to have cell phones on field trips – They may only be used on the busses and must be turned OFF at all other times!

High School Uniforms:

- ✓ This year, students will not be provided a uniform – due to cleaning considerations and the Corona COVID-19 virus. Students will be provided a shirt for marching season; students will be asked to provide their own 'dressy' clothes for concerts.

Junior High School Uniforms:

- ✓ This year, students will not be provided a uniform – due to cleaning considerations and the Corona COVID-19 virus. Students will be provided a shirt for marching season; students will be asked to provide their own 'dressy' clothes for concerts.

Sixth Grade Uniforms

- ❖ Students are asked to dress in nice, dress clothes. Jeans and athletic shoes should NOT be worn. Boys: Pants and collared shirt (tie optional). Girls: Pants and collared shirt, or dress, or skirt and blouse. The length of skirts/dresses must be past the knees when the student is sitting.

Fundraisers

Fundraising helps support the various needs of the band program. This year, the fundraisers are as follows:

- October – Candy Bar Fundraiser
- January – Little Caesar’s Pizza Kit Fundraiser
- March – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (not for certain if this will be able to occur)
- May – Silent Auction

One of the major purposes of our fundraising has been to support the High School Band as they have performed at Disney World every four years. However, this is not the only reason the band program has fundraisers. Money raised from these fundraisers goes to help keep school-owned instruments maintained, purchase new band room equipment as needed, as well as music scholarships for our students attending music camps.

Any and all help with fundraisers from our students and parents is greatly appreciated!!!

Parent Expectations

The parent’s most important role is to support the band program and support you children in the band. My goal, as the teacher, is to teach students’ responsibility, discipline, and character – **your support is greatly appreciated!**

Band Boosters:

- Is for all band parents who want to support their children and the band!!!
- We meet every month at 6:00pm in the Jr/Sr High School Band room. See the band schedule for specific dates!

Performances:

- The day of a performance, please help students arrive BEFORE the reporting time – students are marked down for being late.
- If a student is sick from school the day of the performance, they ARE ALLOWED to perform that day. However, a student is not required to attend if they are sick and have notified the school.
- If an emergency arrives and a student cannot attend a performance, please call me before the performance to excuse the student: (231) 885-1200, ext. 3415. Mr. Jones needs to make arrangements to change the performance as necessary.
- The school will provide uniforms for High School students. HOWEVER, you must purchase a pair of black marching shoes from Mr. Jones and a pair of black socks for all performances. Students are graded for having these items.

Band Schedule 2020-2021

Please note – this schedule will probably be changed throughout the school year – please visit
** the bands website for the most up-to-date information**

H = High School **J** = Junior High **6** = Sixth Grade

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time (report time)</u>
H	Monday, August 17	Freshman Band Camp	9am - 10:00am
H	Monday, August 17	High School Band Camp	10:00 - 1pm
H	Tuesday, August 18 - Thursday, August 20	High School Band Camp	9am -Noon
J	Friday, September 18	Junior High School Solo and Ensemble – signup deadline!	
H	Monday, September 21	BAND BOOSTER MEETING	7:00pm
	<i>FUNDRAISER – BEGIN September 28- CANDY BAR FUNDRAISER</i>		
	Monday, October 19	BAND BOOSTER MEETING	6:00pm
H	Wednesday, October 21	High School Solo and Ensemble – signup deadline!	
	Monday, November 16	BAND BOOSTER MEETING	6:00pm
J	Saturday, November 21	Junior High Solo and Ensemble	Chippewa Hills
H,J,6	Monday, December 21	Winter Concert	7:00pm (6:30pm)
	<i>FUNDRAISER – BEGIN December 22 – LITTLE CEASER’S PIZZA KIT FUNDRAISER</i>		
J	Tuesday, January 5 <i>Tuesday, January 12</i>	Junior High Honor’s Band <i>Junior High Honor’s Band weather make-up day</i>	8am-9pm (Shelby)
	Monday, February 1	BAND BOOSTER MEETING	6:00pm
H	Saturday, February 6	High School Solo and Ensemble At Cadillac High School	Cadillac High School
H&J	March 2-4	Band Festival	TBD
H	Saturday, March 13	State Solo & Ensemble	TBD
	Monday, March 15	BAND BOOSTER MEETING	6:00pm
H	Tuesday, March 16	High School All-Star Band	TBD
	Monday, April 19	BAND BOOSTER MEETING	6:00pm

H/J	State Band Festival	April 24-27 or May 1-4	
	Thursday, May 6	BAND BOOSTER MEETING	7:00pm
H/J	Saturday, May 8	Mushroom Festival!!!	
		--Family Cookout	10:30am
		--Parade	Noon
H,J,6	Thursday, May 13	Collage Concert and Silent Auction	7:00pm
H	Friday, May 28	High School Graduation	7:00pm

The Spring Football Schedule will be released in the Winter – a schedule for the high school band for marching will be sent out soon after the schedule is released.

Remote Learning – Closure of School

In the event that school is closed due to COVID-19 or Weather-related event, school will continue...at home!

Daily Schedule:

Morning Teacher Office Hours 8am-10am
Class 1: 10am-10:45am
Class 2: 10:55am-11:35am
Lunch on your own: 11:40am-12:10am
Class 3: 12:15pm-1:00pm
Class 4: 1:15pm-2:00pm
Afternoon Teacher Office Hour 2pm-3pm.

Class Schedule:

Week 1: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday--> 1st hour, 2nd hour, 3rd hour, CET
Tuesday and Thursday --> 4th hour, 5th hour, 6th hour, and 7th hour

Week 2: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday --> 4th hour, 5th hour, 6th hour, 7th hour
Tuesday and Thursday --> 1st hour, 2nd hour, 3rd hour, CET

Following Weeks – Repeat Class Schedule

Remote Learning Student Expectations:

- Students must login and join each class Google Hangout on time. If a student does not have Internet, they can call in to the Hangout on their phone and participate in the class.
 - Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class.
 - Students on a computer must have their video on for the class duration.
- Students will receive letter grades this year – even if remote learning.
- Student assignments, projects, and quizzes will be graded – and due dates are enforced.
- Students must have 2-way communication with teachers at least twice a week. Joining a Google Hangout and participating counts as communication! (I give 5 points per day for joining!)
 - The school will contact students/parents who have not been communicate back to teachers after two weeks.
- If a student has a doctor’s appointment or is too sick to join the virtual class, a parent must call the office to report the absence – just like on a typical school day.

Teacher Office Hours:

- As listed above, teachers have 2 hours of Morning Office hours and 1 hour of Afternoon Office hours. This time for band is used for:
 - Students to reach out to me for help on assignments or ask questions.
 - Me to contact students to meet the required 2-way communication – or to help give short lessons to students who need additional help.

Communication

- Communication will be very important this year! Parents and students need to check the following everyday – and respond back as needed!
 - Remind Texts (sign up information on page 2!)
 - School Email
 - Class Google Hangouts (students need to join every day!)

Signature Page

Although different, this should be another exciting year for the Mesick Bulldog Bands. I am very happy to see you all participating in band and am for our rehearsals and performances for our community. You should be proud to follow in the footsteps of those who have already participated in the Mesick Bands, creating one of the finest traditions Mesick has to offer!

Make sure you have read through this handbook and understand its intent: to make sure every member of the band understands the expectations of the program, so we can move ahead *together* to perform, learn, and have fun! If you have any questions, please ask Mr. Jones.

COMMUNICATION will be VERY important this year. ALL parents and students are encouraged to sign up for free, Remind Texts from Mr. Jones throughout the school year. IF the school moves to remote learning, students will be required to attend weekly Google Classroom Hangouts and respond to Remind Text messages.

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Please sign. By signing this form, you are stating that you have read and understand the information in the packet and what is required of you as a member of the band. Please return this form by Friday, September 11. As part of their grade, students will receive 20 points for turning in this completed form (how easy is that?)

Remember: Due Back Friday, September 6...for an easy grade!

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Are there any schedule conflicts that you know of or have with the band's schedule? If so, please list those dates:
