



Pearl Junior High School Seventh Grade Band Information

Dear 7th Grade Band Students and Parents,

Welcome back to the Pearl “Pirate” Band Program! Please read the items below so that you can become reacquainted with the band program, and how we will start off the beginning of the year.

1. **Seventh grade band is a continuation** of the skills learned in the sixth grade, and the development of further musicianship. The second year in band offers more performance opportunities for the students; both as a group and as individuals. During this year, we hope that students will begin to express themselves as musicians.
2. **Performance opportunities** in the coming year are scheduled to include: Christmas Concert, Christmas Parade, South Mississippi Band Festival in March, Spring Concert, Eighth Grade Class Day, and any other performance opportunities that present themselves.
3. **The Seventh Grade Band** will use the new and improved Pearl band t-shirt. Cost of the shirts is \$15.00 each. Make checks payable to Pearl Band.
4. **The Band Fee paid each semester has not changed!** Students who play their own band instrument pay \$25.00 each semester, and those who play a school owned instrument pay \$60.00 per semester. This fee is for the purchase of music, methods and materials, solos, and instrument maintenance. This fee is due by the end of the first nine weeks and third nine weeks. **All cash/checks turned into the band program must be in an envelope with the student name & purpose (dues, shirt, etc.) on the outside. Make checks payable to Pearl Junior High School.**
5. **Students will need their method book** from last year for a short review. We will continue to provide students with instructional materials such as sheet music and solos. Lost or misplaced materials are the responsibility of the students, just as they are their other schoolbooks. Additional band books are available for \$8.00.
6. **We are very careful to stress** to the students the proper care of their instrument. Please help us by insisting that students keep their instrument in the assigned place in the band hall while they are at school. The school cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen instruments. For this reason, we require your child take their instrument home each day. All students except Baritone, Tuba, and

Percussion will have an assigned instrument locker. A **combination padlock** is required to be issued a locker. **NO KEY LOCKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** We will keep a list of locker combinations in the office. After the third time a student forgets a locker combination, the student will lose locker privileges.

7. **Students will have a specific playing assignment each day**, and they will have weekly playing grades. All students should be aware of what has been assigned for the week. Regular practice each day is the only way to perform well in band. This will lead to better grades, and increased confidence as a performer.
8. **All Seventh Grade Band Students** will have band first period. This year you will come to class when you arrive at school after 7:45, unless you are eating breakfast. Do not attempt to come in the building before 7:45. We will come in the room quietly and find work to do. Students will be expected to come in quietly and respectfully.
9. **We will provide students and parents with progress** information and upcoming event notices. If we can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to call. The band staff can be reached at 932-7960 between 7:30 and 7:45 am each morning.
10. **All seventh grade band students will need to have a three ring binder** (no trapper keepers). In addition to the method book, students will be given many handouts during the year. Students will need 10 clear sheet protectors to keep these presentable throughout the year. You may get a package of these on your own, or purchase (.10 cents each) them from the band office as needed throughout the year.
11. **If a student needs an instrument repaired**, please talk to one of the band directors before you take it to a repairman. We may be able to help speed up the repair process. We want to try to keep the repair time to a minimum.