



Pearl Junior High School Seventh Grade Band Information

www.pearlpirateband.org

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, November 28, Christmas Parade, December 2, Pearl Jr. High Band Clinic, January 19-20, Band Festival, March 22, Spring Concert, May 7, and any other performance opportunities that present themselves. **FEES MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN PERFORMANCES.**
3. **We want to stay in contact with you.** Please follow the steps on the Charms Office sheet the students were given to go online and set up your Charms account and give us your email. You can also keep up with fees online this way. Sign up for Remind101 by texting @pearl7 to 81010.
4. **The Seventh Grade Band** will wear a blue Pearl band polo shirt. Shirts will be \$17.00. We will send more information later in the first nine-weeks when shirts are ordered.
5. **Band Fees.** 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 August 31 and by January 31. **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.**
6. **Students will use a method book for band.** We will continue to provide students with instructional materials such as new books and sheet music. Lost or

misplaced materials are the responsibility of the students, just as their other schoolbooks are. Additional band books will be \$10.00.

7. **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 KEYED LOCKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** After the third time a student forgets a locker combination, the student will lose locker privileges.
8. **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.
9. **All seventh grade band students will need to have a three ring binder.** 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.
10. **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 to avoid getting behind in class.

IMPORTANT DATES

Attendance is mandatory unless otherwise noted.

November 28 – Christmas Concert
December 2 – Pearl Christmas Parade
January 19-20 – PJHS Band Clinic *(not required by all students. Selected students will be notified in advance.)
Central Mississippi Band Festival – March 22
Spring Concert – May 7
PJHS Solo Day – May 15

Pearl Junior High School Band Fees

The Pearl Junior High Band fee for students who have purchased their own instrument is \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) per semester.

The total yearly fee for students who have purchased their own instrument is \$50.00 (fifty dollars).

The first semester fee is due by August 31.
The second semester fee is due by January 31.

The band fee for students who play a school-owned instrument will be \$60.00 (sixty dollars) per semester. This consists of the \$25.00 (twenty-five dollar) band fee plus a \$35.00 (thirty-five dollar) rental fee.

The total yearly fee for students playing a school-owned instrument will be \$120.00 (one hundred twenty dollars).

The first semester fee is due by August 31.
The second semester fee is due by January 31.

Failure to pay the fees stated above may result in the student not being able to perform with the band and the student's grade may suffer as a result.

***If you have a financial hardship and cannot pay the fee, you must make this known to the band directors in advance of the due date and a payment plan can be worked out.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Pearl Band Information

This information is essential to help us keep you up to date and informed.

1. Student name and contact information.

Student _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

2. Adult/Guardian 1 name and contact information. **We MUST HAVE at least one parent email address.**

Relation _____

First and Last Name _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Email _____

3. Adult/Guardian 2 name and contact information.

Relation _____

First and Last Name _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Email _____

4. Student t-shirt size _____

5. (8th Grade Students Only) Athletic short size _____

I have read and understand the "Pearl Junior High School Band Fees" letter and agree to pay them as stated on the band fee letter.

I also understand that attendance at all concerts and performances is required unless excused because of sickness, family emergency, or prior approval by a band director. The full band handbook rules can be found online at www.pearlpirateband.org.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____