**Payne Band Handbook 2023-2024**

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Please start obtaining your instruments, books, cleaning materials and class supplies for band as soon as possible! Any local music store can assist you with purchasing, renting, or renting-to-own programs for instruments. **Students do NOT need to bring instruments and materials until Tues 7/25 (DAY 1) or Wed 7/26 (Day 2)**

SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS: Our school does have SOME instruments available to rent from the school for a $80 one-time fee. There is limited availability of these instruments so getting a school instrument is NOT guaranteed. To apply for school rental please email [Bessette.deanna@cusd80.com](mailto:Bessette.deanna@cusd80.com) with the following information: 1) Student name/grade 2) What band class your student is in and 3) What instrument you are requesting. If you are awarded a school instrument for the year, I will reply to your email with a copy of our Instrument Rental Contract. As always, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for proper care of the instrument throughout the school year!

**CHECK YOUR STUDENT’S BAND CLASS BELOW FOR MATERIALS NEEDED:**

CADET BAND

* Standard of Excellence by Pearson Book 2 (blue) for your instrument.
* (2) Paper folders with pockets and 3 prongs, and 15 plastic sheet protectors for music. This will fit into a section in your PJHS binder but will be easily removable to put on your stand during rehearsals. You will need 2 of these to ensure proper care of your music all year.
* Accessories and cleaning materials for your specific instrument (listed next page)

Class fee of $30. You can pay this using the parent portal In Touch, or by sending cash or check to the front office

SYMPHONIC BAND

* Technique and Musicianship from the Tradition of Excellence Series (Nowlin/Pearson)- method book
* (2) Paper folders with pockets and 3 prongs and 15 plastic sheet protectors for music. This will fit into a section in your PJHS binder but will be easily removable to put on your stand during rehearsals. You will need 2 of these to ensure proper care of your music all year.
* Accessories and cleaning materials for your specific instrument (listed next page)
* • Class fee of $30. You can pay this using the parent portal In Touch, or by sending cash or check to the front office

JAZZ BAND

* Standard of Excellence Jazz Ensemble Method book for your instrument. **WAIT TO PURCHASE this until your instrument and part are confirmed by Mrs. Bessette. You will find out the first week of school during class.**
* (2) Paper folders with pockets and 3 prongs, 15 plastic sheet protectors for music. This will fit into a section in your PJHS binder but will be easily removable to put on your stand during rehearsals. You will need 2 of these to ensure proper care of your music all year. You may combine this with your folder for Cadet or Symphonic band if you wish, just get more plastic sheet protectors to ensure you have enough for all of your music.
* Accessories and cleaning materials for your specific instrument (listed next page)
* • Class fee of $30. You can pay this using the parent portal In Touch, or by sending cash or check to the front office

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE:

* The Snare Drummer’s Toolbox from Row Loff Percussion- method book.
* (2) Paper folders with pockets and 3 prongs, 15 plastic sheet protectors for music. This will fit into a section in your PJHS binder but will be easily removable to put on your stand during rehearsals. You will need 2 of these to ensure proper care of your music all year.
* Practice pad for home practice, at least 2 pairs of drumsticks
* A bell kit for home practice is strongly recommended but not required
* • Class fee of $30. You can pay this using the parent portal In Touch, or by sending cash or check to the front office
* • Completed “Application for Instrument Rental” (will be passed out to students first week of school) and one-time $60 rental fee. This a rental fee for use of all of the school instruments that are covered in this class (marimba, bass drum, snare, toms, tam-tam, marching percussion, cymbals, etc.) This can be paid by sending cash or check with the completed form to the front office

CARE AND CLEANING MATERIALS FOR YOUR INSTRUMENT (REQUIRED):

Flute: Tuning/cleaning rod, cleaning cloth, small cleaning brush

Clarinet: Handkerchief swab, cork grease, 3 playable reeds brand Van Doren, mouthpiece brush, quality reed holder

\*Suggested Mouthpiece: Van Doren M13 or B45, Rovner Ligature.

Saxophone: Handkerchief swab, 3 playable reeds brand Van Doren, cork grease, quality reed holder, mouth piece brush

\*Suggested Mouthpiece: Selmer C star

Trumpet: Valve oil (Al Cass), slide grease, cleaning snake and polishing cloth

\*Suggested Mouthpiece: Bach 5C or 3C.

French Horn: Rotary oil, slide grease, mouthpiece brush, cleaning snake

\*Suggested Mouthpiece: Giardinelli C8.

Trombone/Baritone: Trombotine slide oil, (Al Cass valve oil for baritones), tuning slide grease, cleaning snake, small spray bottle for water, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth

\*Suggested Mouthpiece: Bach 6-1/2 AL.

Tuba: Valve oil (Al Cass), slide grease, mouthpiece brush, cleaning snake \*SuggestedMouthpiece: Schilke 67

Percussion: Practice pad for home practice, at least 2 pairs of sticks, plastic (hard) mallets, yarn (soft) mallets

CONCERT ATTIRE (Cadet, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble)

You will be responsible for providing your student’s uniform, which is: CONCERT BLACK: black shirt, (dress shirt or polo) black dress pants, black dress shoes and socks.

CONCERT POLICIES

Part of what we learn in band is teamwork and cooperation and we rely on each other to make a successful performance. ALL PERFORMANCES ARE MANDATORY! I MUST receive parent contact at least 2 weeks prior to the concert if you have a previous conflict that is unchangeable. If an excused absence is granted, an alternate assignment would be offered to the student to make up the points for the missed concert. An unexcused missed performance will result in an automatic lowering of AT LEAST TWO letter grades!! Please mark your calendars now with the attached performance schedule, and be sure to check the website and flyers sent home with your student for any changes.

INSTRUMENT STORAGE

Students may use a locker in the band room to place their instruments. There are not individual locks on each locker, it is a storage place. If you would like a combo lock for your students personal instrument, please contact me and I can arrange a school lock for your student’s locker. Locks will NOT be assigned unless requested by PARENT.

GRADING

Your band grade will be calculated by averaging your scores from the following: PERFORMANCES, Rehearsals participation, Practice sheets, and Assessments (playing tests, class activities, sectionals, etc.)

TAX CREDIT

A great way to raise money for our band is the Arizona State Tax Credit program. The use of tax credit donations will play a vital role in our ability to enhance your child’s music experience. Parents can donate directly to the Payne JH band organization. Tax credit forms can be found on my CUSD PJHS webpage.

**Payne JHS Band Concerts and Events Schedule!!!**

Please be sure to check my page on the Payne website for any additional performances or changes

throughout the school year.

**Friday October 20th (tentative)**- Junior High night with Basha and Perry HS Marching band- details TBA

**Thursday December 7th-** Band Concert, PJHS Café 6:30pm. Cadet, Jazz and Symphonic bands

**December 15th (tentative):** School assembly holiday concert (Jazz Band OR Symph)

**January 11th and 12th-** Recruiting concerts/field trips to Elementary schools (Symph, Choir, Orch)

**January 11th-** Evening Performance at Open House for new 7th graders (Jazz Band)

**January 23rd-** Secondary Band Festival at CHS/CCA- Field trip (symphonic)

**Thursday February 29th -** Band Concert, PJHS Café 6:30pm. Cadet, Jazz and Symphonic Bands

**March 6th-**  ABODA Area festival competition, ALL DAY FIELD TRIP- Symphonic Band

**March/April (tentative)-**  ASU/Highland Jazz Fest- Field trip, Jazz Band

**May 10th (tentative)** CUSD Cadet Band festival, details TBD. Cadet band

**Wednesday May 8th-** Band “Pops” Concert, PJHS Café 6:30pm. Cadet, Jazz and Symphonic bands

**Monday May 13th-**  Percussionpalooza performance, 6:30pm, PJHS Café. Percussion Ensemble ONLY

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**Payne Junior High School Band Contract**

I have read and understand the policies outlined in the PJHS Band Handbook 2023-24

I understand that I need to supply the necessary materials required for my student and will notify Mrs. Bessette promptly if I need assistance. I also agree to the concert attendance and understand that performance attendance is MANDATORY. I have received the Band Concert Schedule and my student will be in attendance, or I will request an excused absence in the timeline outlined (at least 2 weeks prior). I understand that it is my responsibility to check the band website for any updated information about performance dates/times.

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