CHERRY CHASE BAND 2017-2018 Information Packet

*Please read this entire document, complete and have your child sign the Band Rules on the last page and bring it to the parent meeting.*

Parent Meeting: 9/7/17 8:30 a.m. @Multi all parents from both bands should attend.

We are very pleased to welcome back our band director Ms. Judy Nelson, whose experience with young bands gets our musicians playing quickly and at a very high level. We hope that all band families will get behind our band director to make the band the best it can be. Parental involvement really makes a difference for your band student and the band itself. See you at band!

The meeting will be followed by instrument rental opportunities. Cherry Chase owns a few instruments which can be rented for a nominal fee. Renting from our school helps support the band program. Students in financial need should contact the office for more information. If you would like to rent an instrument from Cherry Chase, please contact the **Band Chair** to reserve your instrument as soon as possible. If all of our instruments have already been rented, please consider West Valley Music and let them know you are from Cherry Chase. West Valley Music donates to our program each year and also gives back 5% on every purchase our families make.

Once your instrument choice is confirmed, please purchase your music book “Accent on Achievement” (Book 1 Beginning Band, Book 2 Intermediate Band.)

We recommend West Valley Music:
262 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041
Tel: 650-961-1566

**Care of Instruments**

West Valley Music has some great videos showing how to care for your music instrument: www.youtube.com/user/wvalleymusic

**Beginning Band (start date 9/14/2017)**

- Starts with sectionals as follows:
Tues 9/12, Tues 9/19 & Tues 9/26
  • 2:45 – 3:35 Flutes
  • 3:35 – 4:25 Clarinets
  • 4:25 – 5:15 Trumpet

Thurs 9/14, 9/21, 9/28
  • 2:45 – 3:35 Saxophone
  • 3:35 – 4:25 Trombone
  • 4:25 – 5:15 Percussion

 Regular Band Practice
  • Tuesdays and Thursdays (starting 10/3/17) from 2:50 – 3:50

Intermediate Band (start date 10/3/2017)

 Regular Band Practice
  • Tuesdays and Thursdays (10/3) Band from 3:50 – 4:50

 In 2017 there will be field trips for Intermediate Band – details to come

 The band has been informed by the School Office that students are not allowed to roam unsupervised outside the multi between 2:30 and 3:50 while they are waiting for Intermediate Band to start. The Band Director is fully occupied teaching and conducting the Beginning Band during this time and is NOT responsible for supervising other students. You may coordinate with other Intermediate Band parents to work out a rotation for one parent staying at school site supervising the students waiting for band.

 Both Bands

 During the year, bands will perform in evening concerts for parents and at assemblies during school hours for their peers. Extra rehearsals are scheduled prior to every concert. Attendance at these rehearsals is required in order to participate in the concerts. Please mark your calendar with these important dates:

  • Concert Dates: 12/7/17, 3/15/18, 5/17/18
  • Flag Salute Date: 5/18/18* this may be replaced with an assembly

 Important Contacts

 Band Director: Ms. Judy Nelson
 judles61@gmail.com 408-881-2926

 Band Chair: Ann Davison and Andrea Cheung Dodson
 cherrychaseband@gmail.com
If your child needs to miss band practice, please contact a band coordinator (chair or room parent) before the absence.

Supplies

All students are responsible for having everything they need:

- Lesson book
- 1/2 “ Black music binder with 20 sheet protectors
- Sheet music (electronic copies will be sent out to print at home)
- Water bottle
- Pencil with eraser

Volunteering Requirements

Parent volunteers are critical to the success of the Cherry Chase Band program and for keeping the program cost affordable. We require that every family help the band in some way. Here are some opportunities:

**Beginning Band Room Parent (1 person) – Tuesdays 2:15 – 2:50 p.m.**
Room parent opens up the band room, takes attendance, and supervises the students setting up their chairs, music stands and equipment until Ms. Nelson arrives.

**Beginning Band Room Parent (1 person) – Thursdays 2:15 – 2:50 p.m.**
Room parent opens up the band room, takes attendance, and supervises the students setting up their chairs, music stands and equipment until Ms. Nelson arrives.

**Intermediate Band Room Parent (1 person) – Tuesdays 3:40 –3:50 and 4:45 – 5:00 p.m.**
Room parent takes attendance and supervises students putting away all stands, chairs and equipment.

**Intermediate Band Room Parent (1 person) – Thursdays 3:40 – 3:50 and 4:45 – 5:00 p.m.**
Room parent takes attendance and supervises students putting away all stands, chairs and equipment.

**T-Shirt Coordinator (1 person)**
Orders and hands out T-Shirts for Beginning Band students.

**Concert Program Design (1 person, 3 concerts total)**
Create the program that will be handed out to audience during each of the concerts.

**Concert Help (multiple people needed, 3 concerts total)**
Help to set up chairs, stands, refreshment tables before the concerts.
Donate or help to purchase drinks and refreshments for post concert social.
Help to put away chairs, stands, and tables and other post concert clean up.

**Flag Salute Help – (a few people)**
Help set up chair and stands, check in and supervise students before Flag Salute on the morning when the band plays. Help to tear down and clean up afterwards.

**Baseball Opening Day Event Set-up (Intermediate Band only, more info to come)**

**Fifth Grade SMS field trip (5th grade only, more info to come)**

**Evaluation sign in help (1 person, twice a year)**
Help sign in students for their evaluation time slots with Ms. Nelson. Call parents if the student does not show up.

**Try-It help (a few people, sometime in May)**

Thank you so much for your interest in the school band. We hope to see many new faces this year as well as those that participated last year.
Cherry Chase Band Rules for Conduct

- Students should use the restroom and refill their water bottle before band begins
- Students should sign in and be seated with instrument, music book and pencil, ready to start
- Beginning Band students will get a chair and stand and clean up any trash after their lesson
- Intermediate Band students will put away the chairs and stands and clean up any trash
- Students should be respectful to the director, volunteers and other band members. This includes being quiet when the director is talking and being understanding of other students’ abilities.
- The stage and band room are off limits unless the band director advises otherwise
- Students should not touch other instruments or equipment
- Please treat band as an extension of school and make appointments after band is over
- Notify Band Chair at cherrychaseband@gmail.com if you are going to be absent
- No food or drink (except for water) allowed in the multi
- Treat band instruments with respect!
  - Band instruments are very fragile and expensive and should be handled gently
  - Always keep your music instrument in your hand or secured in its case
  - Clean it often
  - Don’t leave music instruments outside your classroom – your teacher can help you find a safe place inside
  - Don’t expose your music instrument to extreme temperatures
  - Don’t force the parts together or apart (ask an adult for help)
  - Wait 15 minutes after eating before playing your instrument (brush your teeth or rinse with water)
  - Woodwinds – don’t grab the keys too hard
  - Brass – don’t push the mouthpieces in hard
  - Trumpets –the valves are fragile; never use a wrench. Use care and learn how to oil them at home to be ready before the band class.
- Students will practice at home! (20 minutes per day recommended)
- Band has a “Three Strikes” Policy for disruptive behavior, at the discretion of the band director and band chairs. If verbal warnings are unheeded, written warnings will be sent to the parent and if the behavior continues, the student may lose the privilege of playing in band.

I have read the Cherry Chase Band Rules and promise to abide by them. The Three Strikes Policy has been explained to me and I promise not to get any strikes!

Student signature: _______________________________ Date: ______________

Student name: ________________________________

Band level (circle one): Beginning Band or Intermediate Band

Instrument: _____________________________________

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PORTION AT THE PARENT MEETING ON 9/7/2017