

**Spring Lake Middle School**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band**  
**Syllabus 2019-2020**

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**Classroom Rules/Procedures:**

Be considerate and respectful to other students and our facilities.  
Students must have a pencil with them during class.  
After entering the room, immediately get your instrument out and sit in your assigned seat.  
Once you enter the band room, do not leave the band room without permission.  
No phones are allowed in the band room during class.  
Warm up quietly.  
No gum, food, or drinks in class.  
Please use the restroom on the way to class.

**Grading Policy:**

40% Daily grade – participation, organization, behavior, attitude, following class rules, etc...  
(*Students will receive a grade every two weeks – 5 points per week*)  
50% Concert attendance – students must be present at all performances.  
10% Playing tests

**Practice:**

Students will not be required to turn in practice slips. It is an expectation however that students will practice at home.

**Band Uniform:**

Students will wear a uniform for some performances (*see\* on calendar*). A white tuxedo shirt, black bowtie, and black cummerbund will be provided for students. Students must have black pants, long black socks, and black shoes (*no sneakers please*) to complete the uniform.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Performance Calendar**

September 27	Pregame performance with HS Band at home varsity football game
December 3	Band Concert (Grades 6-8) <i>HS Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.</i>
December 7	District Junior High School Solo & Ensemble Festival (Solo events primarily) <i>Coopersville MS</i>
February 25*	Pre-Festival Band Concert (Grades 5, 7-8) <i>HS Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.</i>
February 27*	District 7 MSBOA Band Festival (tentative date)
March 15	Spring Lake Bands FUNd JAM
April 18	District Junior High School Solo & Ensemble Festival 2 (Ensembles primarily)
May 11*	Spring Band Concert <i>HS Auditorium – 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 6:30 p.m., 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 7:30 p.m.</i>
May 25*	Spring Lake Memorial Day Parade