**Course Expectations for Butcher Band**

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Butcher Band students will participate in instrumental performance experiences. In order to develop performance skills, we will practice playing our respective instruments individually, in small ensembles, in sectionals, and together as a band. We will also use other tools for learning music performance skills (such singing, listening, & moving) when they are appropriate.

**Grading Policy**

Students will learn fundamental skills in our daily rehearsals, therefore daily rehearsals will count as a percentage of the “homework” or skill-building portion of the overall band grade.

Performances will be the equivalent of an exam grade in the aforementioned analogy. They make up the majority of a student’s band grade. Attendance/participation is mandatory. Failure to attend and participate in a formal performance could result in a failing grade in band. Obviously, students may be excused for missing a performance due to such unexpected occurrences such as illness or family tragedy. In such cases, the teacher will work with students to devise an appropriate means of showing their mastery of the material.

**Performance Dates:**   
*Please reserve these dates. (All concerts = 6 p.m. Call Time; 6:30 p.m. Show Time)*

Winter Concert = Thursday, December 15

MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival = Saturday, January 28

*(Only applies to those participating—more information to come;   
Deadline for registration for S/E Festival: TBA in mid-October)*

Mid-Winter Recital = Thursday, March 23

Spring Concert = Wednesday, June 7

**Sign up for Remind.com Text notices** to your phone. (Parents, please do this as well. It’s a great way to keep up with your student’s upcoming projects, tests, field trips, etc.)

Text 81010 @ butcherba

You will receive a text asking if you are a parent, student, or teacher. Just respond with whatever is appropriate and then you will receive a text telling you “You’ve joined Butcher Band!”