

AWJH Band 2016-2017 Performance Calendar

DATE	EVENT	Perform TIME
September 30th Friday	JH Football Night / Lock-In	7:00pm
October 18th Tuesday	JH Band Concert	7:00pm
December 13th Tuesday	Holiday Concert	7:00pm
February 28th Tuesday	Junior High Concert	7:00pm
May 5th Friday	JH Large Group Contest	TBA (evening)
May 20th Saturday	AW Bands Chicken BBQ	3:00pm-7:00pm

- All of the performances listed above are required for ALL JH Band students. Participation in these performances will account for 25% of the student's grade in band for the quarter.
- Students are expected to stay through the entire performance to show their support for other performing ensembles at Anthony Wayne.
- All of the performances listed above will take place at AWHS.
- Report times for students will generally be 30-45 minutes before the time listed above and will be announced in the weeks leading up to the performance.

Anthony Wayne Junior High 7th and 8th Grade Band Handbook

2016-2017

This handbook is designed to answer many of the questions you or your parents may have concerning the band program at AWJH. We are very excited about the upcoming year. Please take time to read this handbook carefully. Then, sign the final signature page indicating that both the student and parent have read, understand, and agree to the policies outlined. **Keep this handbook for reference for the remainder of the school year as it contains all of our performance dates.**

If you are a returning 8th Grade member.....WELCOME BACK!

If you are a new 7th grade member or new to our program...WELCOME TO AWJH!

Thank You,

Mr. Adam Ladd
Mr. Roy Young

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1. GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

As a program we will strive to grow as musicians and citizens of our community. To do this we will work together to develop tone, technique, rhythmic accuracy, key and time signatures, musicality and critical listening. All of these combined will help the members of the band to move toward the ultimate goal of independent musicianship.

To achieve this, the following guidelines are expected to be followed each class period:

1. *Be on time* for all classes, rehearsals, and performances. Class begins when the director steps up to the front stand.
2. *Be prepared* with working instrument, reeds, music, and a pencil.
3. *No gum, food, or drink* allowed in the band room.
4. *You may warm-up on your own, but loud playing or blasting will not be tolerated.*
5. *Be quiet when the director is speaking. Show the same courtesy to guests and peers who are addressing the ensemble.*
6. *Keep all cell phones or electronic devices turned off and put away during rehearsals.*
7. **NEVER HANDLE ANOTHER PERSON'S INSTRUMENT.**
 - a. **ONLY PERCUSSIONISTS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE THE PERCUSSION EQUIPMENT.** Instruments are delicate, expensive, and often not owned, but rented.
8. *All instruments should be stored in the assigned locker or designated space. Music should not be left on the music stand or chair after rehearsal.*
9. *At the end of rehearsal, after instruments are stored properly, students should remain in the room until the bell rings.*
 - a. **DO NOT GATHER BY THE DOORS OR IN THE INSTRUMENT ROOM AT THE END OF THE PERIOD**

2. GRADED ITEMS AND POLICIES

Anthony Wayne Junior High Grading Scale

A=100-92% B=91-82% C=81-72% D= 71-62% F= below 61%

Daily Participation - 55% of final grade

Students get points for the following: a working instrument (including reeds), music and pencil, attentive behavior. Students may lose points for disrupting class or coming without the above items.

Performance Attendance - 25% of total grade

An unexcused absence from a performance may result in the lowering of the grade. Inappropriate behavior and improper dress may also result in the loss of points or a lowered grade.

Playing Tests, SmartMusic Assignments, and written tests - 20% of total grade

Playing tests will be administered several times throughout the year with at least one test per quarter. Students will know in advance what they will be graded on and how best to prepare.

Extra credit

Attendance of pre-approved concerts and performances and a written report critiquing the experience, performers, conducting, and music played can be handed in for extra credit. The directors will inform you of upcoming events and incentives for attendance. This will be given to students at the director's discretion.

3. PERFORMANCES

Purpose of performances:

- They act as a benchmark of our progress allowing us to set new goals.
- They provide entertainment to the audience.
- They expand the musical knowledge of both *performer* and *audience*.
- They teach everyone involved proper concert etiquette.
- A successful performance = A great team effort.

Required Performances

Performance attendance will be a heavy portion (25%) of your band grade. If missed without a valid or prior approved excuse, **these grades cannot be made up.**

The following circumstances will be excused: sickness or injury, death, and family weddings. With the exception of emergency situations, the directors should be notified via email or written note at least 1 month in advance of the performance.

Other conflicts that are not listed above will be considered by the directors on a case by case basis only after written note or email notification of the conflict has been given at least 1 month in advance of the performance.

Please check the performance schedule below and let Mr. Ladd or Mr. Young know of any conflicts immediately. Keep these dates on your calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts.

SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED PERFORMANCES:

Date	Event	Report Time	Place
September 30th	JH Football Night / Lock-In	7:00pm	H.S.
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4. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Woodwind Players:

4 good reeds (excluding flutes)
Cork Grease
Cleaning Swab
Pencil

Brass Players:

Valve oil or trombone slide cream
Tuning slide grease
Pencil

Percussion Players:

Pencil
(Sticks and mallets are provided)

Failure to bring proper equipment to class daily will affect the student's band grade.

Students are expected to keep their instruments in good playing condition. The music store that regularly services the Anthony Wayne band program is Rettig Music, but parents may choose any music store for repairs and supplies. It is the responsibility of the parents and student to see that the instrument is repaired promptly. Rettig will pick up broken instruments from Anthony Wayne each week and return them the following week, but payment arrangements must be made by the parents.

Rettigmusic.com or 1-800-52-MUSIC

School Owned Instruments

The Anthony Wayne Instrumental Music Department supplies necessary school owned instruments for a rental fee of \$30.00 per school year. Normal maintenance and repair will be free of charge; however, the student will be responsible for unusual damage. The student and his/her parents will sign a rental agreement form.

5. PRACTICE

When to Practice: Every day, 15-30 minutes

What to Practice:

Warm-Up / Fundamentals: 3-5 minutes

Long Tones on easy notes

Play and hold easy notes for 5-8 seconds, repeat 6-8 times
try to get a steady, clear, and beautiful sound

Major Scale

Play through ALL of the major scales that you've learned
Change articulation to add variety and develop tonguing

Book: 5-10 minutes

Practice lines from the book that we've been working on in class
Work for perfection, slow-down difficult parts

Sheet Music: 5-10 minutes

Practice sheet music that we are working on in class.
Work for perfection, slow-down difficult parts

Instrument Maintenance: 1-2 minutes

Swab, oil valves/slide, apply slide cream/grease, empty water.

6. UNIFORMS

8th Grade Bands: For all performances, unless otherwise noted, we will be wearing the royal blue band polo shirt (available through the Band Boosters for \$20), **black** pants, and nice dress shoes. No jeans, shorts or other undesignated clothing will be permitted and will result in a lowering of the student's grade or possible removal from the performance. Polo shirts will be available for purchase shortly after the beginning of the school year through the AW Band Boosters.

7th Grade Bands: For all performances, unless otherwise noted, we will be wearing the JH Band T-Shirt (available through the Band Boosters for \$15), **black** pants, and nice dress shoes. No jeans, shorts or other undesignated clothing will be permitted and will result in a lowering of the student's grade or possible removal from the performance. T-shirts will be available for purchase shortly after the beginning of the school year through the AW Band Boosters.

JH Band T-Shirt: NEW for this year, AWJH Band T-shirts will be available for purchase at the beginning of the year. These shirts are required for all 7th grade band members (in place of the polo shirt) and are optional for 8th grade band members. This shirt may be worn in place of the polo shirt at the JH Band Football Game on Sept. 30th.

7. INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Activities offered for individual band members to distinguish themselves and improve their musical skills this year:

Private Instruction

Private lessons are one of the keys to an outstanding band program. These lessons are available to all band students interested in improving their playing through one-on-one instruction with a teacher on that instrument. As students improve individually, their contribution to the band increases, and the band as a whole improves. Fees begin at \$16.00 per half hour and may vary depending on the qualifications of the teacher. If you are interested in starting your son or daughter in the program, please return the "Private Lesson Sign-Up" form on the last page of this handbook to Mr. Ladd **as soon as possible**. He will contact you regarding the day and time of the lesson.

Junior High Jazz Band

This group is open to all band students at the junior high, any instrument! The meeting time will be announced before rehearsals will start for the 2016/2017 school year. Rehearsals usually begin sometime in October. The jazz band will perform at the holiday concert, winter concert and chicken barbecue this year.

Solo and Ensemble Contest

This is also highly encouraged but not required. This event gives students the opportunity to receive constructive comments and performance experience. Students can prepare solos or small ensemble works with friends. Those who participate will receive special recognition and incentives. More information about participating will be distributed later in the school year.

Date: TBA (March or April)

OMEA JH Honors Band

7th and 8th grade band students will have the opportunity to submit an audition tape for the 2017 OMEA Junior High Honors Band. This event gives participants the chance to meet and perform with other talented junior high musicians from schools across Northwest Ohio. Students who are accepted into the honor band will attend several rehearsals and perform a concert on Sunday, February 12th, 2017. Participation is highly encouraged!

8. DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Any questions or concerns relating to the band program or anything in this handbook should be addressed to the band directors. They can be reached by phone during school hours. If you get voicemail please leave a name and number and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Email is also an excellent way of getting in touch. Please provide it on the next page as we will be sending out regular newsletters about upcoming performances and other reminders.

You may also check for updates at AWBands.com

Adam Ladd
aladd@anthonywayneschools.org
Junior High Main Office: 877-5342

Roy Young
ryoung@anthonywayneschools.org
High School Office: 877-4901

9. SIGNATURE/CONTACT INFORMATION PAGE

Detach, sign, and return this entire form to Mr. Ladd or Mr. Young by **Monday, August 22nd**
This is a portion of each band student's grade (10 points) for the First Quarter

I have read the Anthony Wayne Junior High band handbook. I understand the policies, rules, and guidelines contained in it. I understand that all performances are mandatory and an unexcused absence will result in a lowering of the student's grade. If I have any further questions I will contact a band director for clarification.

student name

student signature

date

parent signature

date

Parents, please check the correct box below:

- I DID receive the email / PDF version of the JH Band Handbook that was sent out electronically.

Add additional email address(es): _____

- I DID NOT receive the email / PDF version of the JH Band handbook that was sent out electronically.

Email address(es): _____

10. OPTIONAL: CHAPERONE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Throughout the course of the year the JH bands may take trips requiring parent volunteers to help chaperone. We will especially need parents available for daytime events.

Possible Events (more maybe added.)

September

JH Football Night

JH Lock In

May 2017

JH Large Group Contest

JH Band Awards

If you are interested in being a chaperone please fill out and return this page.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Time of day available: during school after school all day

(please separate these forms when turning them into Mr. Ladd)

11. OPTIONAL: PRIVATE LESSON SIGN-UP

I am already taking private lessons with: _____

or

I am interested in enrolling my son/daughter in the private lesson program.

Student's name: _____

Instrument: _____ Grade Level: _____

Parent Name: _____

Best Parent Contact (email or phone number): _____

Mr. Ladd will contact you regarding the day/time of the lesson. Thank you!