

# CLARE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

Exemplifying Pioneer Pride



## Purpose

- Pursue excellence as musicians, students, and citizens
- Engage students individually and collectively in creative, artistic, musical expression
- Promote and place value on the importance of music in our cultural, intellectual, and social lives

## Eligibility

Students who have completed middle school band are eligible to enroll in high school band.

*If a student possesses significant interest and has a student sponsor, they may join without beginning or middle school band experience. Students who join without band experience must realize they will need to work harder than their classmates to be successful.*

## Expectations

The classroom guidelines for the band classroom are simple and are distilled down to four “BE P” statements:

- Be Polite
- Be Prompt
- Be Prepared
- Be Productive

For more details, please see the Band Student Handbook on the website.

## Grading Policy

Participation	20%	Written Work	25%
Performance Skills	25%	Performances (Concerts, Festival, etc)	30%

*Written assignments are due on Mondays; students have until Friday to submit for full credit. 10% grade reduction after five (5) submission period is assessed after to submission window. No assignments will be accepted from previous quarters.*

## Calendar

Students, parents and families can find a comprehensive calendar of events for the entire Clare Bands program at: [cpsbands.weebly.com](http://cpsbands.weebly.com). Our concert performance dates are listed here:

- Sunday, December 11 - 2PM
- Sunday, February 19 - 2PM
- Wednesday, March 8 - Time TBD
- Sunday, May 7 - 2PM
- Sunday, May 21 - 1PM (Graduation)

Absences from performances must be given no less than two weeks notice on a Clare Bands Absence form found online or in the band room. A completed form does not automatically excuse the absence. For more details, please see the Band Student Handbook on the website.

## Uniform

Marching Uniform: Uniform jacket, black bibber pants, shako (helmet), black shoes, gauntlets, white gloves

Concert Attire: Tuxedo shirt, black tuxedo pants, black shoes, black cummerbund, black bowtie (men: black socks)

Tuxedo shirts can be purchased through the Clare Band Boosters. Students are provided their own black tuxedo pants, black cummerbund and black bowtie from Clare Band Boosters. Students are expected to provide black shoes and black socks.

## Communication

Monthly emails will be sent to parent email addresses highlighting activities, assignments, performances and other important events in the Clare Bands. Having a reliable parent e-mail address will be an important link between classroom and home.

REMIND is not a social media platform; it is designed to be a safe communication link between parent, teachers and students. Instructions are available on the band website: **Marching Remind Code: @105pmb; Symphonic Band Remind @105symp**

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