

CITY HONORS SCHOOL BAND SYLLABUS 2009-2010

ENSEMBLES

The CHS Band program encompasses Middle School Band, Senior Band, Jazz Band (Club), Concert/Marching Band, Color Guard (Club) and Chamber Ensembles. Lesson groups are created for students based on their abilities and groupings. Lessons are given once during a letter cycle and will be rotated and given during the student's lunch period when possible.

Membership in all ensembles is open to grades 5-12 by audition or invitation, while placement in lesson groups is mainly based on mastery of materials learned.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULES

Senior Band rehearses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 am.

Jazz Band for the High School will meet on Tuesday mornings this year at 7:30 am.

Middle School Band rehearses during 4th period lunch and specially assigned periods when needed.

Chamber groups are scheduled when needed during an available period.

Lessons are given during my available teaching periods and rotated when possible.

Private lessons, if possible, outside of school, are strongly encouraged to enhance your child's success in class - Lessons for piano, guitar and percussion especially should be taken outside of school as the school is in short supply of these items and time to teach them.

PERFORMANCES

Involvement in the CHS band programs is two-fold: Academic as well as civic minded and community service based. Students are expected/required to participate in the following types of outside/extracurricular activities to support the community and the music program at CHS:

Community Events- when called upon
Parades – Electric Light, St. Patrick's Day, Parade of Circles, Juneteenth
BPS Harvard Cup/Thanksgiving Day
Winter Concert (mandatory) – date TBA
MLK performance
Spring Concert (mandatory) – date TBA
ECMEA Solo Festival
NYSSMA Solo Festival
Events called upon by the BPS

BAND FEES

ALL CHS BAND STUDENTS are required to pay a \$25 non-refundable fee (due by October1, 2009). This fee covers an instrument rental from the available CHS inventory if needed, supplies, lesson books, music and the necessary fees to apply for the ECMEA and/or NYSSMA festival when needed. All students benefit one way or another with this fee even if they have their own instrument. The monies are also used at times when needed for instrument repairs within reason to keep everything in good order. **Additional fundraising is also conducted at various times throughout the year to help with the band's expenses and needs for supplies, music materials, fieldtrips and transportation.**

Please make checks payable to CHS Band. (A fee of \$35 will be charged for all returned checks.) Cash or money orders will also be accepted.

Please see Mrs. Kerr for a list if instruments/openings available for the bands this year.

Please note acceptance for percussion, guitar an keyboards will be extremely limited.

If you have any questions, please email at dkerr@buffaloschools.org or call 816-3130. You will be directed to School #8. The band room is located in Room 213. We also have a website that is helpful for information at <http://www.buffaloschools.org/webpages/dkerr/> .

Thank you,

Mrs. Kerr
Band Director, CHS

