



2022-2023

Braymer Bobcat

Brigade Band

Handbook

Welcome to the Braymer Bands!

Dear Students and Parents,

My name is Ms. Audrey Kruse and I am the Director of Bands for the Braymer Bobcat Band! This is my third year teaching at Braymer C4! I am so excited to be back with all of the students and grow in music together once again!

I graduated from the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. Ever since I was in the fifth grade I participated in band in a variety of different ensembles including marching band, concert band, symphonic band, and performing at the Missouri Music Educators Association conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. Being a part of music has changed my life in many ways and has taught me valuable life lessons that I have carried with me in my adult years. I am very fortunate and blessed to be able to teach what I am truly passionate about and share my love of music with my students. I am looking forward to guiding each student to their fullest potential and by doing so through the gift of music. I am ready to be back with the students and make wonderful music!

The Braymer school district is made up of unique and talented students each with his or her own individual learning style, interests, strengths, and dreams. I want to make an impact and leave a lasting impression on my students by facilitating and growing their individual strengths and dreams. Student engagement and forming positive student-teacher relationships is very important to me as an educator. I am looking forward to continuing my relationship with each individual student and finding what makes them unique. I am very excited to be a part of the Braymer school district and a member of the Bobcat family! If you ever need to contact me, my school email address is akruse@braymerc4.net and my office phone is 660-645-2284. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I would be happy to answer any questions or talk through any hesitations or concerns.

In this handbook, you will find important information regarding everything with the band this year. It is pertinent that you keep this handbook throughout the year as a reference. The items in this handbook are very important and outlines my rules and expectations for the year. Each parent and student will sign the handbook agreement form, authorization form on the back, and an instrument agreement form if you are using a school instrument. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask. On the school district page I have a website that I will be using to upload announcements about events and any documents I have handed out in class. If you go to the staff directory, you will be able to find my page and access these documents. I am looking forward to a great school year!

Ms. Audrey Kruse

Ms. Kruse's Classroom Expectations

- 1. Come to class each day with all materials:
Music
Instrument
Pencil**
- 2. Come to class focused and on task.**
- 3. Always put forth your best effort.**
- 4. Be respectful to your classmates and the teacher.**
- 5. Be a leader and set an example for those around you.**
- 6. Always come to class prepared and ready to work.**
- 7. Take responsibility for your actions.**
- 8. Respect the band equipment and the band room.**
- 9. Come to class with a positive attitude.**
- 10. No outside food or drink besides water is allowed in the band room. This includes gum!**

Classroom Procedures

Before class:

1. Once you enter the band room, place your belongings at your seat and stay until Ms. Kruse dismisses you to go get your instrument. Once Ms. Kruse has dismissed you, grab your instrument from your band locker. Flutes and clarinets may bring their case and place it underneath their chairs. All other instrument cases need to be kept in their assigned band locker. Once your instrument is assembled, go back to your seat and have all of your required material on your music stand.
2. You should ALWAYS have a pencil and your band book or concert music with you for every class. Having your materials is part of your daily participation.
3. I encourage you to warm-up on your instrument as we are preparing for the beginning of class.

During Class:

1. Once Ms. Kruse is on the podium, please give her your undivided attention for any announcements. This is the time Ms. Kruse will collect any homework assignments or other materials that need to be turned in.
2. Please stay in your seat and follow the classroom expectations and procedures.
3. Do not get out of your seat unless you have raised your hand and asked Ms. Kruse to do so.
4. You may drink water from your own water bottle during appropriate times in rehearsal.
5. When Ms. Kruse is teaching, you are expected not to talk.
6. Raise your hand if you have a question.

After Class:

1. Ms. Kruse will dismiss you by each row to put your instruments away in your assigned band locker. Do not leave your instruments outside of the locker.
2. Clean up the area around you and leave your chair and music stand neatly for the next class. Each student will wipe down the music stand with a disinfectant wipe at the end of class.
3. Once you are done putting your instrument away, go back to your seat and wait for the bell to ring.

HS/JH Band Calendar 2022-2023

Bold dates are required events for all students unless otherwise stated. I will update the band calendar as I am notified which events will be taking place. Calendar is subject to change. Ms. Kruse must be notified at least two weeks in advance **in writing** of any expected absence from a performance for it to be excused.

Fall 2022

Football vs. St. Paul Lutheran	September 2nd, 2022- Call time: 5:30 pm
Football vs. Sweet Springs	September 9th, 2022-Call time: 5:30 pm
Football vs. Orrick	September 16th, 2022-Call time: 5:30 pm
Mizzou Band Day	September 17th, 2022-Call time: TBA
Carrollton Band Day	September 24th, 2022-Call time: TBA
Braymer Homecoming	October 7th, 2022-Call time: 5:30 pm
UCM Homecoming/Band Day	October 15th, 2022-Call time: TBA
Football vs. North Shelby	October 21st, 2022-Call time: 5:30 pm
JH/HS District Band/Jazz Auditions	November 5th, 2022-St Joseph Central
Fall Fest	November 10th, 2022
Veteran's Day Performance	November 11th, 2022-(Concert attire)
District Jazz Band Concert	November 19th, 2022
NCMBA Clinic Band	November 20 and 21, 2021 (CA)
All-State Band Auditions-Hickman HS	December 3, 2022-Call time-TBA
Elementary Band Concert	December 6, 2022-(Concert attire)
District Band Concert	December 10th, 2022
JH/HS Christmas Concert	December 15th, 2022-Call time 5:45 pm

Spring 2023

Richmond Music Festival (7 & 8)	February 11th, 2023-Call time-TBA
Conference Band	TBA
District Solo & Ensemble Contest	TBA
State Solo & Ensemble Contest	TBA
JH/HS Spring Concert	May 2nd, 2023-Call time-5:45 pm (CA)
Music Banquet	May 15th, 2023-6:30 pm
Elementary Spring Concert	May 16th, 2023-Call time-5:45 (CA)

6th Grade Band Calendar 2022-2023

Bold dates are required events for all students unless otherwise stated. I will update the band calendar as I am notified which events will be taking place.

6th Grade Christmas Concert

December 7th, 2022-(Concert attire)

Richmond Music Festival

TBA

6th Grade Spring Concert

May 16th, 2023

Syllabus

**HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH BAND
FIRST & SEVENTH HOUR
BAND ROOM
MS. AUDREY KRUSE**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

High School - Students will be able to perform in several ensembles which include marching band, concert band, and small group ensembles. The students will also be able to compete and audition for several contests around the state. The music will cover a variety of genres and time periods. The students will have the opportunity to grow in their musical abilities as well as their marching skills.

Junior High- Students will continue to focus on the fundamentals of playing their instrument as well as improving and growing their musical skills. They will begin to learn to play music in individual and ensemble settings with music that covers a variety of genres and time periods.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students in this class continue the learning of their instruments further into the intermediate and advanced abilities. Students will spend time on marching band music, solo music, district music, and small and large ensemble music. Students will have time for individual instruction as well as group instruction.

GRADING POLICY

Grades will be determined from the following:

- Classroom Participation
- Playing Quizzes
- Playing Tests
- Performances

Letter grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

90-100 = A
80-89 = B
70-79 = C
60-69 = D
59 & Below = F

MATERIALS NEEDED

Instrument
Closed-Toe Shoe (Marching Band)
Pencil(s) with Erasers

Syllabus

SIXTH GRADE BEGINNING BAND

SIXTH HOUR

BAND ROOM

MS. AUDREY KRUSE

akruse@braymerc4.net

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students will learn the fundamentals of playing an instrument. The students will learn how to read fundamental musical notation, forming correct embouchure for their specific instrument, sound production, how to clean and take care of the instrument, and perform together as an ensemble. The students will learn how to play a wind or percussion instrument of. This course will also require students to obtain a musical instrument. This can be done by borrowing a school instrument, renting an instrument, or purchasing one. Please be sure to ask Ms. Kruse before you buy an instrument to make sure it is a quality instrument. Students will have the opportunity to play an instrument they are interested in. Once the student and Ms. Kruse will decide on the instrument that is best for him/her the first week of classes.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students in this class will learn the basic fundamentals of playing an instrument and growing their musical skills throughout the year. Students will spend time working in an ensemble setting and will have time for individual instruction as well as group instruction.

GRADING POLICY

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- Playing Tests
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MATERIALS NEEDED

Instrument

Method Book

Pencil(s) with Erasers

ABSENCES AND TARDIES

Attendance is required at all performances. If a student has a conflict with a performance, they must notify Ms. Kruse at least 14 days unless it is an emergency. Absence from performances due to an emergency is excusable and will be discussed with Ms. Kruse at a proper date.

Students excused from performances will be assigned other work to compensate for the missed performance. Excused performances are rarely handed out. Students with unexcused absences will not be able to make up missed rehearsals or performances.

To excuse absences, it is necessary to have an **absence form filled out and submitted to Ms. Kruse in the 14 day time period.** Conversations are appreciated, but the best way for me to keep track of this is through a written note explaining the absence.

Tardiness to performances will result in 10% deduction from performance grade unless you notify Ms. Kruse of your schedule conflict.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Students will be using Google Classroom to complete certain assignments (playing assignments, performance responses, etc.). They need to make sure to add themselves to the classroom using the class code.

LESSONS

Students who would like private lessons can either schedule a lesson with me or another private lesson instructor specific to the students instrument. I charge \$10 for a thirty minute lesson and \$20 for an hour. Students are also welcome to study with me or another private instructor. If you are unsure of which to do, please contact me and we can talk about the best option. I would be happy to answer any questions.

CELL PHONES

Students may not have cell phones on them during a performance. They may stay in the band room during football games and concerts. The band room will be locked, so safety should not be a concern. During pep band, students may have their phones on their person, but cannot be out and on them during the game.

If a parent or guardian needs to contact a student, parents may do so by calling Ms. Kruse. Ms. Kruse's phone number will only be passed on to parents before important events.

Students may have their phones on the bus when we attend a music event. However, they must be shut off during the actual event. Ms. Kruse will have a backpack in which students may place their phones. It will be with Ms. Kruse or a trusted adult at all times.

MARCHING BAND/CONCERT BAND

MARCHING BAND DRESS CODE:

For home marching band performances, marching competitions, and pep band, the students will be required to purchase and have the following items:

- Current marching band t-shirt
- Blue jeans
- Long black socks
- Marching band black shoes
- Flip folder for marching and pep band (This item can be purchased through Palen music in Liberty.)

I have a number of extra marching band shoes in my band room that the students are welcome to look through and use if they can find their correct size.

If students do not have the following items for each event, it will result in a 10% deduction of their grade. If parents and students are having trouble accessing these items, please let Ms. Kruse know as soon as possible.

TRANSPORTATION:

Parents are the only people that are allowed to pick a student up from an event. If an adult is going to transport a student away from the event that is not the student's parent, then Ms. Kruse must have a letter, signed by the parent, the day before the trip. **The letter must include the name of the adult picking the student up, contact information, and the planned time and location of the pick up.** This letter must be submitted to Ms. Kruse so that it can be approved through the HS office.

All students must be signed out on the Student Sign Out Sheet with Ms. Kruse when picking up the student. This policy is to ensure that all students are picked up by the correct person.

CONCERT BAND DRESS CODE:

Students will dress up for concert performances. Remember that all clothes must adhere to school dress code policies. **Jeans, shorts, sweatpants, or t-shirts will NOT be allowed to be worn during a performance. This includes black jeans as well.**

- Boys: Button-up dress shirt (tie-optional) or polo, black dress pants, black socks, and black dress shoes.

- Girls: Dress or blouse, black dress skirt or pants, black dress flats, and black heels (no bigger than 2 inches)

There is no exception to this policy. Students will dress up for concerts or their grade will be affected. If you have any concerns about this, please contact me at akruse@braymerc4.net.

RENTING INSTRUMENTS THROUGH PALEN MUSIC

Students in need of an instrument will be loaned one for the school year. They are free to use it as if it were their own. However, it is school property and students will be held financially responsible for any negligent damage. Amount will be determined after it is evaluated by a repair technician.

As many of you know, my instrument inventory is not great. Some of my instruments are not in the best of condition. We use Palen music out of Liberty for all of our repairs and orders. Palen music has a great rent to own program for students. I highly recommend renting an instrument from Palen. There are several options you can choose from which vary in price range. There is an option to rent an instrument that has already been rented out to a student and returned or you can rent a brand new instrument! It does vary in price depending on the instrument the student plays.

In the rental agreement there is an option to pay a \$6 fee on top of the rental fee to cover repairs. For example, if a student drops their rental instrument in class and it needs repairing, I will send it to Palen and they will repair it with no out of pocket cost. This is covered by paying the \$6 fee each month. After you pay off the cost of the instrument, you will own the instrument. I will attach a flyer on how to order online. You can also go to Palen music store in Liberty and complete a rental agreement there as well.

Lettering in High School Band

In order to receive a letter in band, the student must be enrolled in 9-12th grade band and one of the following requirements must be met:

- Audition for the district band
- Take a solo or a small ensemble to district contest
- Participate in an honor or community band. (This does not include conference band.)
- Selected for a band leadership position
- Enrolled in private lessons for the entire academic year with Ms. Kruse or another private lessons instructor.

There is no exception to these requirements. If you do not fulfill one of the requirements above, you will not receive a letter.

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Instrument Rental and Agreement Form 2022-2023

This instrument rental and agreement form is an agreement between the school and the student for the 2021-2022 school year. If the student moves to a different school and district or drops band as a class, the instrument must be returned to the school in the original condition in which it was presented to the student at the beginning of the year. Students and legal guardians are responsible for the condition of the instrument while in their possession. If there is a problem with the instrument, Ms. Kruse should be notified immediately so the instrument can be repaired. In this situation, the student will not be responsible for the repair. In the situation that the instrument is damaged, abused, or lost while in the possession of the student, they will be responsible to cover the cost of the repairs or replacement of the instrument. This form will need to be signed and brought back to Ms. Kruse in order for the student to take the instrument home.

Student first and last name

Grade Level

Instrument

Model

Serial Number

Parent Signature

CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

1. Students are expected to take care of school property. Students shall pay for books, school supplies, school equipment or other school property lost or damaged beyond ordinary wear and tear.
2. Any student who carelessly or intentionally defaces or damages school property may be subject to additional disciplinary action.

THAT IS WHY I TEACH MUSIC



NOT BECAUSE I EXPECT YOU TO MAJOR IN
MUSIC.

NOT BECAUSE I EXPECT YOU TO PLAY OR SING
ALL YOUR LIFE.

BUT...

SO YOU WILL BE HUMAN

SO YOU WILL RECOGNIZE BEAUTY

SO YOU WILL BE SENSITIVE

SO YOU WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO HOLD ONTO

SO YOU WILL HAVE MORE LOVE, MORE

COMPASSION, MORE GENTLENESS AND, MORE

GOOD...IN SHORT, MORE LIFE.

Participation & Authorization Form

2022-2023

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Address _____

I will follow all school policies and directions from the music director on any and all music-related trips.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

SECTION 1: PARENT PERMISSION

I (We) hereby give my (our) consent for the above student to represent the Braymer C-4 School District on any music-related trips this school year.

SECTION 2: AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone _____

Physician Address of Office Location _____ City/Zip _____

Previous injuries or conditions of which to be aware _____

Tetanus immunization within the last 5 years? _____

Please list any medications the student takes on a regular basis _____

Please list any allergies the student has _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Handbook Acknowledgement

I, _____, have read the handbook provided to me by Ms. Kruse. My parents/guardians have received the handbook and have read through the information. We agree to follow the expectations and rules in the handbook. I understand that some questions I may have may be answered in the handbook.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE