

# ADVANCED BAND HANDBOOK

## 2023 - 2024



### Student Responsibilities

Students are responsible for coming to band rehearsals and lessons on time and prepared. This includes bringing instrument, music and having practiced assigned material. Below is a list of necessary supplies for each instrument. Many of these items can be purchased at school.

#### Flute

cleaning rod  
cleaning cloth

#### Clarinet / Saxophone

swab                  reed holder  
cork grease 3 reeds

#### Trumpet / Baritone/Trombone

Valve/slide oil  
mouthpiece brush

#### Percussion

drum sticks

Students will also be responsible for purchasing any music books needed for lessons. A letter will be sent home when a new book is needed.

### Uniforms

The Bartelso Band uniform is a red polo band shirt, black pants, black socks, and black shoes. This uniform will be worn at all performances of the full band. The band shirt is provided by the school. Each student is responsible for providing the rest of the uniform. The pants should be black dress pants. The shoes and socks must be solid black with no markings of any kind.

Appearance of a band is very important. Pride in our appearance shows an audience that we have pride in ourselves and our ability as a band. When we perform in public we represent the school and the community of Bartelso. Let's make every effort to look our best!

## Grading

Each student will be graded on individual progress, preparation and attendance at band rehearsals.

Practice is required and is vital to improve musicianship. Each student has a responsibility to the band to be prepared at each rehearsal by practicing their music individually. Ideally, young instrumentalists should practice for 20 minutes, five times a week rather than one or two long practice sessions each week. Setting aside a regular practice time each day will help make this a routine. Regular practice enables your child to develop and improve concepts learned during lessons and full band rehearsals.

Attendance is expected at all band performances. A band relies on all of its members. When one or two are absent it affects the entire group. Therefore, a student's final letter grade will be lowered one letter for each unexcused absence from a performance. If there is a conflict, please notify me as soon as possible. Parents and students will be given advanced written notice of all performances.

## Schedule

Full band will rehearse twice a week for 50 minutes each rehearsal. Sectionals and lessons may be added to the schedule as needed. There will be two concerts (Christmas and spring) during the school year. Additional performance opportunities may be added. Letters will be sent home with exact dates and times closer to each event.

## Commitment

The Bartelso Braves Band is a team of musicians. We rely on each other to make great music. When a student quits or threatens to quit band, it affects the morale of the entire group. I ask that parents and students commit to the band program for the entire school year.

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Please sign and return this form.

We have received and read the Bartelso Advanced Band Handbook 2023 – 2024 and we agree to commit to the Bartelso Braves Band for the entire school year.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_