

Lake Preston Middle School Band Handbook

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Mission Statement

Mrs. Vockrodt’s Mission Statement

I am committed to the success of my students through providing a wholesome education and worthwhile life skills. I will mentor and grow students into musicians through efficient and effective hands-on learning while creating music and having fun.

Lake Preston Band Program Mission Statement

The Lake Preston Band Program serves to provide a high quality musical experience for all of its members while fostering in them a lifelong love for music. By pursuing excellence at all times, our members will have the opportunity to work in harmony with each other to develop skills that will benefit them in all of their musical endeavors. Students will learn discipline, commitment, perseverance, and the satisfaction of achieving success by being the absolute best they can be. Life lessons such as these will enable students to be successful in every area of their lives.

Goals

- To provide a comprehensive knowledge of music through the performance, creation, and promotion of music.
- To provide an environment that promotes and encourages life-long learning and personal as well as professional growth.
- To create an environment that provides all students with a sense of community and loyalty to an organization bigger than themselves.
- To provide an opportunity for students to develop as disciplined, organized, and mature adults.
- To allow students to express themselves in a different, creative manner through the means of music.

Band Director

Director: Mrs. Kayla Vockrodt graduated in 2013 from Deubrook High School in White, South Dakota. In 2017, she received her Bachelor of Music Education from Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She has a degree to teach both K-12 Band and Choir. Mrs. Vockrodt was involved in many ensembles over the years including the National FFA Band, South Dakota All-State Band, Intercollegiate Band, Marching Wolves, including marching for the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Clarinet Choir, Concert Band, Concert Choir, and was first chair clarinet for the NSU Symphonic Band. She enjoys teaching lessons and is excited to begin her career in teaching music.

Director Contact Information

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Lake Preston Music Department

Important Dates 2020-2021

September

Sept 18	Marching at Homecoming	Lake Preston
Sept 22	Registration deadline for All-State Orchestra Auditions	
Sept 24	Marching Competition	Arlington

October

Oct 2	Marching at Arlington Homecoming	Arlington
Oct 8	Choral Leadership Workshop (Mixed Octet)	Brookings
Oct 9	All State Chorus Registration due	
Oct 9	Marching Competition	Volga
Oct 13	All-State Orchestra Auditions	Huron
Oct 13	De Smet/Lake Preston MS Band/Choir Festival	De Smet
Oct 15?	Mixed Octet Workshop (AM)	Arlington
Oct 30-31	All-State Chorus and Orchestra	Sioux Falls

November/December

Nov 4	Northern State University Instrument Day	Aberdeen
Dec 4-5	North Area Honor Band	Aberdeen
Dec 8	K-8 Winter Concert	Lake Preston
Dec 10-12	HS Musical/Dinner Theater	Lake Preston
Dec ?	Audition deadline for Middle School All-State Band	
Dec 17	Registration deadline for All-State Band Auditions	

January/February

Jan 22	All-State Band Auditions	Watertown
Feb 11-13	SD Music In-service Conference	Brookings
Feb 23	Afternoon of Arts (Show Choir/Jazz Band)	De Smet
Feb 24	HS Region III Solo/Ensemble Contest	Watertown
Feb 26-27?	SDSU Honor Band	Brookings

March

Mar 1	Audition deadline for All-State Jazz Band	
Mar 2	Festival for Young Voices (MS)	Brookings
Mar 5-6	Middle School All-State Band	Huron
Mar 9	East Central Middle School Honor Band	Brookings
Mar 16	Show Choir/Jazz Band Concert	Lake Preston
Mar 25-27	HS All-State Band	Brookings

April

Apr 24	LIW/MS Band Contest	De Smet
Apr 29	Spring Awards concert 6-12	Lake Preston

May

May 4	K-5 Spring Concert	Lake Preston
May 6-8	All-State Jazz Band	Mitchell
May 7-9	Music Trip to Kansas City/Branson	

Brookings	<u>Fundraisers</u>
Aug 27	World's Finest Chocolate sales
Oct 6	Subway meal (VB vs. DS in lunchroom)
Oct 14-28	Greenery Sales
Nov 23	Approx. Greenery delivery (Ag Shop)
Dec 18	Music Booster Bingo @ Game (LP Gym)
Jan 6-20	Papa Murphy Pizza Sales
Jan 8	Music Booster Bingo @ Game (LP Gym)
Jan 15	Music Booster Meal (BBB in Lunchroom)
Jan 27	Pizza Pickup (Gym Lobby)
Feb 2	Music Booster Bingo @ Game (LP Gym)
Feb 10-24	Butter Braids Fundraiser
Feb 11	Bingo Appreciation @ Game (LP Gym)
Mar 25	Butter Braids delivery (Gym Lobby)

LP Pep Band Schedule 2021

Thursday, Jan 7	GBB vs. Deubrook	Wash. & Lee Swing	Call time 7:00 pm
Friday, Jan 8	BBB vs. Deubrook	Wash. & Lee Swing	Call Time 7:00 pm
Thursday, Jan 14	GBB vs. De Smet	College Boy	Call time 7:00 pm
Friday, Jan 15	BBB vs. De Smet	College Boy	Call time 7:00 pm
Thursday, Feb. 11	BBB vs. Arlington	Arlington Fight Song	Call time 7:00 pm
Friday, Feb. 12	GBB vs. Arlington	Arlington Fight Song	Call time 7:00 pm

As a MS Band member, you are strongly encouraged to attend pep band if you can.

You guys are GREAT musicians! Let's show our Diver Spirit and have some FUN doing what we do best 😊

It is likely that we will be asked to play at some tournaments and other events on rather short notice. If that is the case, I will notify *you as soon as possible* so that you know when these will be.

Possible Games to Play:

<u>State Pep Band???</u> State Girls Basketball Watertown – March 11-13 State Boys Basketball Aberdeen – March 18-20	February 22nd	Girls BB Regions
	February 23rd	Girls BB Regions
	February 25th	Girls BB Regions
	March 1st	Boys BB Regions
	March 2nd	Boys BB Regions
	March 5th	Boys BB Regions

Mrs. Vockrodt's Schedule



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1					
2					
3					
4	10:48-11:37 LP HS Band	LP HS Band	LP HS Band	LP HS Band	LP HS Band
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
5	12:10-12:59 LP MS Band	Lessons	LP MS Band	Lessons	LP MS Band
6	1:10-1:56 LP 5th Grade Band	Lessons	LP 5th Grade Band	Lessons	LP 5th Grade Band
7		Lessons		Lessons	
8		Lessons		Lessons	

Band Grading

Daily Points

Students will receive 10 points each day for coming to class prepared. Participation points are kept by following expectations in class. S – Sit Tall, T – Track the Speaker, A – be Appropriate/Attitude, and R – Respect. Students will lose points if they do not follow these expectations. If a student has an unexcused absence, they will receive a 0 for the day. Excused absences include: school activities, sickness, family emergencies such as a death in the family, etc. Refer to school handbook if needed.

Practice & Lessons

Students are required to practice 50 minutes a week with a signature from a parent. Students will receive a lesson every other week during the school day. 6th grade will receive lessons each week/every other week. 7th and 8th grade will receive lessons if they would like them.

Concerts

Students are required to attend each concert for a grade. Parents are highly encouraged to come. Concerts are *required* as a final test in band each semester. If a student is unable to come to a concert, the parents *and* student must talk to me ahead of time. The student will have to make up the concert by watching the concert online, answering questions about the concert, and playing their music for me. If the concert is not made up, the student will receive a zero for work completed on the concert.

Contest

In April, Middle School students will be involved in contest. Students will work as a small ensemble during class and perform at contest held at our school. Students are also welcome to perform a solo if they would like to.

Extra Credit

1. At the end of each concert, students can bring me their music and show me the notes that they have made in their music. For every 5 markings, I will award 1 point.
2. For every 10 minutes a student practices at home, I will give them 1 point of extra credit. The practice record needs to be signed by a parent.

Other

There may be other areas of grading depending on what we are learning each quarter. Other areas may include Class Trips, Projects, Signing the Handbook Contract, Rhythm Quizzes, and others. If there are any situations of misconduct in class, students may be removed from the class. If a student is removed up to 3 times, they will be removed from the class. Please refer to student handbook for more information.

Other Band Opportunities

Middle School All-State Band

Students in grades 6, 7 & 8 can audition to represent Lake Preston Junior High School at the SDMSASB. Recorded auditions are due in December. See me for audition music, more information, and sign up for some lessons.

East Central Middle School Honor Band

Select students in middle school 6-8 can be nominated to represent Lake Preston Middle School at the East Central Honor Band in Brookings on. Let me know if you're interested.

Pep Band

Students that are in Middle School Band are more than welcome to join us for pep band games and receive extra credit. There is a schedule included in the handbook.

NSU Instrument Day

Northern State University has an entire day devoted to your instrument! It is a day spent with people that specialize playing your instrument. It's a very fun & informative day!

Rehearsal Expectations

Before class, you will have **3 minutes after the bell rings** until I start class. After about 3 minutes, I will start class and you must be sitting in your chair with your instrument in your hand. If you are not ready for class, you will lose points accordingly:

- Showing up on time.
- Sitting in your assigned seat with your instrument.
- Gum is not allowed.
- Please only drink water during class. Other drinks may ruin your instruments.
- Have a pencil at all times.
- Sit in your assigned seat.
- Talk only if you have a question.
- Listen to me (your teacher!)
- No cell phones during class.

*Masks: required on certain skills/days for staff/students (determined by staff member)

Concert Etiquette

for parents & students

1. **Please refrain from talking and enjoy the performance.** Your children and their peers worked very hard to put on a concert to entertain you. Let them show you how great they are!
2. **Please silence your cell phone.** Not only could it go off during the performance and distract your fellow audience members, but it follows the same idea as talking. It takes away from you listening to the hard work of the students!
3. Take photos! Record the performance! I love that you want to support your students and peers in the Lake Preston High School Band Program, but please do not get in the way of other audience members. **Please stay seated and turn off your flash on your camera.**
4. **Stay for the whole concert!** Each student at Lake Preston has worked very hard on their music especially for you!
5. **Applaud between pieces!** If there is more than one movement to the piece, wait until the very end to show your appreciation of the music.
6. If you need to leave during the performance, **please wait until the piece of music has ended.** Leave and return to the concert hall between pieces.

Concert Dress Code

If we have a concert, are going to contest, auditions, etc., students will use the following guidelines below for concert dress code. The Concert Dress Code should also coincide with the Dress Code in the school handbook. Ask Mrs. Vockrodt if you are wondering about the dress code BEFORE the event.

Instrument Step-Up List

Flute (open hole)

- 1) Pearl 665 RB Coda Series (Solid Silver Headjoint, with B foot)
- 2) Pearl 765 RB Coda Series (Solid Silver Headjoint, with B foot)

Clarinet (all Grenadilla wood)

- 1) Buffet R-13 (either Grenadilla wood or Greenline)
- 2) Buffet E-11
- 3) Leblanc Noblet 40 or 45
- 4) Yamaha YCL-450

Clarinet Step-Up Mouthpiece Kit:

- 1) **Mouthpiece:** Vandoren 5RV Lyre; Rico Reserve (see me about which kind!)
- 2) **Ligature:** D. Bonade inverted 2250 Nickel; Luyben plastic ligature; or Vandoren "Optimum" Silver ligature; or Rovner Dark Bb (leather)
- 3) **Vandoren Reeds** (2.5 or 3)
- 4) "Thumb Ease" (thick thumb pad)
- 5) **Mouthpiece patch** (rubber patch that goes on top of mouthpiece)
- 6) **Reed Case:** Protec, Vandoren, Selmer

Alto Saxophone

- 1) Selmer La Voix II or Super Action 80 Series II
- 2) Yamaha YAS-62II

Tenor Saxophone

- 1) Selmer Super Action 80 Series II
- 2) Cannonball wide-bell
- 3) Yamaha YTS-52
Lacquer: Silver (brighter sound), Black (mellow), Gold (usual)

Sax Step-Up Mouthpiece Kit:

- 1) **Mouthpiece:** Selmer C Star, Meyer G5 (jazz), Metal Jazz Selmer C Star
- 2) **Ligature:** D. Bonade inverted
- 3) **Vandoren Reeds** (2.5 or 3)

- 4) **Mouthpiece patch** (rubber patch that goes on top of mouthpiece)
- 5) **Reed Case:** Protec, Vandoren, Selmer

French Horn

- 1) Yamaha YHR-668NDII Professional Double French Horn^{[1][2]}_[SEP]
- 2) Conn 8-D Connstellation Series Double French Horn, Nickel Silver Fixed Bell
- 3) Holton
Mouthpieces: Laskey 75G, Moosewood B12

Trumpet

- 1) Yamaha YTR-8335RGS Xeno
- 2) Selmer Bach Stradivarius 180
- 3) Blessing BTR-1469
- 4) Bach TR200 or 180S37
Mouthpieces: Bach 7C, 3E, 1B, 17C, Curry 7C, 3C, 00S, Jet Tone 10

Trombone

(with F trigger attachment)

- 1) Selmer Bach 36B Med-Lg bore .525
- 2) Selmer Bach 42B .547 bore^{[1][2]}_[SEP]
- 3) Conn 88H .547 bore
Mouthpieces: Bach 3G, 5G, 5GS, 7C, 6 1/2 AL, Yamaha 51C4

Euphonium (Large Bore)

- 1) Yamaha YEP-321S
- 2) Mack Brass
Mouthpieces: Shilke 51D

Tuba

- 1) Holton Collegiate BB460
- 2) St. Petersburg 202
- 3) Conn 5J
Mouthpieces: Bach 18, 12, 7, 24AW, Conn Helleberg Standard of Deep

Student/Parent Band Contract

SIGN AND RETURN BY **Wednesday, Aug, 26th, 2020**

- I have **discussed** and **reviewed** all the information in the handbook with my child, and I understand its contents and my responsibility as to these policies and conditions.
 - May be viewed on www.lakepreston.k12.sd.us or https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f9siQIeYZ6xTYzcCyemgtvWzjh_DIFSq/view?usp=sharing
- As a student, I understand that I am an important part of the ‘team’ called band/music, and my participation and effort, whether positive or negative, greatly impact the overall outcome. A team cannot function without each player doing their part.
- As a parent, I support my student’s decision to participate in band at Lake Preston Junior High & High School.
- We understand that band is a unique experience filled with rewards for those who strive to meet goals. We also understand the idea of cooperative goals and the responsibility of each individual in meeting those goals in a timely fashion.
- We agree to do our part to help the director and the administration of Lake Preston Middle School to meet the musical demands of the Lake Preston Middle School Band Program.
- My child has my permission to attend district, out-of-district trips and school-sponsored extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.
- I understand that Lake Preston School District will not be liable for injuries and medical cost for students. My signature also serves as permission for my child to obtain medical treatment on a school-sponsored trip.

I have read the policies and participant expectations, and agree to abide by them by signing this document.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Remind

I will use Remind to send out reminders of concerts/pep band, stay connected with students/parents, and to keep everyone informed. Students are required to sign up for Remind. If they do not have a cell phone, they can sign up with their school email. Please sign up you and your student(s) at www.remind.com, by downloading the Remind App, or by texting **81010** and join using these codes:

Band - @hsbandlp **MS Band** - @msbandlp **5th grade Band** - @5lpband

Parent signed up for Remind (highly recommended) Yes _____ No _____
 Student signed up for Remind (required) Yes _____ No _____