

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE 2018-2019



What is expected of my student in this class?

Students in Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE) are expected to:

- be present at all rehearsals that occur during the school day or outside of class time (ample warning is given prior to an outside of class rehearsal-there is always a dress rehearsal the day of a concert).
- arrive to school early enough to have their instrument out and "warmed up."
- come prepared on the assigned music (available in Canvas).
- treat each other and all instructors with the utmost respect.
- take private lessons OR fill out weekly practice logs.
- audition for ECKMEA.

How is my students' grade calculated in this class?

- 10% Daily Basics (this includes arriving on time and having instrument/music/supplies)
- 20% Private Lessons/Practice Log (can be a combination if needed)
- 20% Assignments (there will be 2 each quarter-one playing and one listening/writing)
- 50% Performances (includes football games, all concerts and KMEA performance in Feb.)

How can I know about upcoming events/performances?

The calendar on our website www.bvwestband.com (the same calendar is available when you log in to charms) *it includes ALL BVW Band activities so it is quite full! 😊

Additionally, CANVAS lists everything you could need to know about this course, including the calendar, private lessons information, and rehearsal plans.

Why is there a fee for my student to be in this program?

We are self-funded and everything we do cost money! We make every attempt to provide our students with the best education and experience possible. They will learn from the finest clinicians in the KC area and play the best music we can put in front of them. The fee for participating in this class is \$65 (if you filled out our forms, you likely paid this already). There could be optional fees throughout the year, such as attending the KC Symphony as a part of the West Band trip in the winter.

How can I be involved alongside my student in this program?

The number one way parents can be involved is to support your student by attending performances! It is also imperative for parents to check in with their student regarding private lessons and practice logs. You should be hearing them play their instrument at home!

If your student is having a positive experience in this class, please spread the word to younger families you may know! If they are not, please let me know immediately so that I can adjust appropriately.

Other great ways are to donate Kleenex, water, snacks, funds, etc. We are always in need of these items!