

**Unatego
Band 8
Handbook
2021-22**

REHEARSALS

- If you are in school, you are expected to attend each rehearsal.
- Arrive on time, get your instrument out, and be seated as quickly and quietly as possible. You will be given several minutes extra to get out your instrument and music. Three tardies will result in a referral.
- You must bring your instrument (including reeds), music, and a pencil to every rehearsal.
- There will be no food, drink, candy, or gum permitted in the band room.

GRADING

Quarter grade will be divided into two parts: Summative (90%) and Formative (10%). Summative grades will include daily music skill assessments during rehearsals and graded performances. Formative grades will include lessons and other practice.

LESSONS & PRACTICE

- Attendance at lessons is required.
- Lessons are given on a rotating lesson schedule. You are dismissed from classes to attend lessons. If you attend the scheduled lessons you will only miss a particular class once every 5 weeks, sometimes less. Alternative lesson times are also available although it is best to come at the scheduled lesson time if at all possible.
- Lesson schedules are posted in many different locations: in classrooms, on the bulletin boards near the band room, office, & library, the band website, Facebook, and the homework hotline.

MUSIC AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE, CARE, AND MAINTENANCE

- Instruments must be kept in a locker when not in use.
- It is recommended that students put a lock on their band locker. Students may sign out a lock for the year or provide their own if they wish.
- All percussion instruments, sticks, and mallets must be properly stored at the end of each rehearsal.
- All music should be kept in the appropriate file or in your locker when not in use.

MUSIC, SUPPLIES, & REPAIRS

- Since we buy our supplies in bulk band students pay just \$10 for the purchase of all band supplies that they will need for the entire year. These supplies can include reeds, valve oil, cleaning rods & clothes, swabs, drum sticks, & mallets.
- This money also covers the cost of replacing any lost or damaged music or band folders as well as the use of any school instrument (including drums) and minor repairs that Mrs. Nages can do at school.
- In the past students have paid for these items as the need arose at the cost of anywhere between \$1.50 for a clarinet reed or up to \$25 for a pair of timpani mallets. This arrangement is better economically for the students and makes it easier for parents.
- Checks should be made payable to "Unatego Central School". If you have questions or if you would like to make other arrangements, please contact Mrs. Nages

CONCERTS

- Attendance at all concerts is **mandatory**. If there are extenuating circumstances, you may be excused by the director. If you miss a concert without the approval of the director 30 points may be deducted from your band grade. Parades are considered to be concerts and will be graded as such.
- Transportation for concerts is not provided. It is your responsibility to find a ride to the concert.
- Concert dress is as follows:
 - **Ladies**-dress, skirt or nice pants and blouse
 - **Gentlemen**-nice pants and shirts, jackets and ties are appreciated but optional
 - **Everyone** should wear nice shoes not sneakers, blue jeans, sweat pants or shorts are not acceptable concert attire.

The concert dates for this year are as follows:

- Middle School Winter Concert-Monday, December 13 (Snow date Dec. 20)
- Middle School Spring Concert-Tuesday, May 17

Other important middle school band events:

- Fundraiser Kickoff-September 20
- Holiday Ensemble-November 27 (tentative)
- All-County Festival (Jr Band)- February 3 & 5, GMU CSD
- NYSSMA Solo Festival, Norwich-May 7
- MS Band & Chorus Field Trip-TBD

A complete list of music department events can be found on the class website

www.unatego.org/cnages.aspx

Mark your calendar now with these dates!

BONUS CREDIT/RESPONSIBILITY SHARING

For those students who complete the required assignments, there is the opportunity to earn bonus credit (up to 10 points per quarter). This may include but is not limited to the following:

- NYSSMA-5
- All-County-5
- Solo Concert Performance-5
- Band Officer-5
- Section Leader-3
- Article Summary-1 per article
- Band Assistant: TBD as the need arises-5
- Out of school performance (must be accompanied by a note)-5
- Concert Attendance (must be accompanied by concert program)-1 per concert

COMMUNICATION

- It is important that parents, students, and teachers communicate effectively. If there are ever any problems that I should be aware of, please contact me immediately. The quickest way is by email cnages@unatego.stier.org You can also call the music office 988-5039 or send a note with the student.
- To keep you informed about what is going on in band I will send out weekly emails and REMIND texts. To use REMIND download the app or simply text "@ucsbnd6" to the number 81010
- There is also a band website www.unatego.org/cnages.aspx and the Facebook page "Unatego MS/HS Bands" <https://www.facebook.com/UnategoBand/>

UNATEGO MUSIC AND ARTS COUNCIL (UMAC)

- One of the main purposes of UMAC is to promote, foster, and encourage achievement and excellence in and the advancement of the performing arts in Unatego Schools. This organization does this through various activities such as providing meals at the All-County Festival, water for the marching band at parades, Board of Education Advocacy, yearly scholarships, Angel Program for summer lessons, and Enrichment Funding for Arts activities.
- UMAC also gives monthly Artist & Musician of the Month Awards
- Meetings of UMAC are held 3 times during the school year. At these meetings Artists & Musicians of the Month will be recognized and student talent will be showcased.
- Membership in UMAC is open to parents of and students in Unatego Arts programs and all other interested individuals.

How Can You Help?

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| •Serve as an Officer | •Volunteer to help with our activities |
| •Serve as our Publicist | •Make a Donation |

For more information about UMAC contact any of the officers or call the high school at 988-5098.

If you have any questions at all concerning this handbook, please let me know before you sign the agreement on the last page.

**I am very excited about this year;
I think that it is going to be great!**

WELCOME BACK!!!

Mrs. Nages would like you to join Band 8!



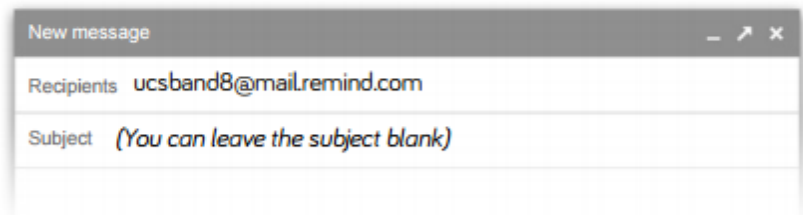
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Middle School Band Officer Application

Name _____ Grade _____

I am interested in the following: (rate in order 1, 2, 3)

_____ **Attendance Secretary**-One will be chosen. He/she will be responsible for taking daily attendance for band, carefully marking absences, tardiness, and unprepared students and checking it with the absentee sheet. Attendance should be taken for rehearsals & concerts. He/she will also assist Mrs. Nages with other secretarial duties such as filing and copying.

_____ **Lesson Secretary**-One will be chosen. He/she will be responsible for writing daily lessons for band on the white board. He/she will also assist Mrs. Nages with other secretarial duties such as filing and copying.

_____ **Birthday Secretary**-One will be chosen. He/she will be responsible for writing daily birthdays for band members on the white board. He/she will also assist Mrs. Nages with other secretarial duties such as filing and copying.

_____ **Librarians**-Two may be chosen. The main responsibility of these people will be to help organize the music for the band department. This will include sorting, filing, and computer entry. They will also be responsible for handing out and collecting music for the senior high band.

_____ **Equipment Manager**-One will be chosen. He/she will be responsible for keeping the band room in order. This will involve keeping the chairs and stands set up with the correct number in each row.

_____ **Percussion Equipment Managers**-Two may be chosen. They will be responsible for keeping the percussion equipment organized and in working order.

_____ **Section Leader for _____ (instrument)**-One will be chosen for each section. This person does not have to be the first chair player. Responsibilities include handing out and collecting music and information to the section.

All of the officers chosen must be willing to give up some of their free time to fill the responsibilities of their position. Because these positions do require extra effort officers will receive extra credit each quarter that they fulfill their responsibilities. You may apply for more than one position. Officers will be chosen by Mrs. Nages based on your application and her discretion.

Please complete and return this page to Mrs. Nages.

Student Name _____

If any of the starred information is unchanged from Sept. 2019 there is no need to fill it out.

*Student Preferred Email _____

*Parent/Guardian Name _____

*Parent/Guardian Email _____

*Home phone _____ *Parent Cell Phone _____

*Instrument _____

Brand _____ Serial Number _____

*Instrument is a: (check one)

Rental

My own

School Owned Instrument (If you are using a school instrument and have not already signed a lending agreement please do so as soon as possible.)

I, _____, and my parent/guardian, _____,
understand, have discussed, and agree to the expectations for band.

(Student signature)

(Parent/Guardian signature)

Preferred parent method of contact:

Phone

Email

Text

Remind App

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Please complete and return this page to Mrs. Nages if you are interested in UMAC.

UMAC Membership Form

Parent Name _____

I would be interested in helping by (please check all that apply):

- serving as an officer or publicist
- helping with the marching band
- donating baked goods for art & music events or fundraisers
- helping with the fall fundraiser
- making a donation
- call me when you need help!

Comments:

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