

SENTINEL HIGH SCHOOL

PERFORMING ARTS

DEPARTMENT

HIGH SCHOOL BAND

2023-24



SENTINEL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Director of Bands: Mr. Lewis Nelson
Sentinel Band Office: 728-2400, ext 7041

Booster website: www.sentinelband.org

Mr. Nelson's teacher webpage: www.mcpsmt.org/Domain/3080

Facebook Page: Friends & Alumni of Sentinel Band

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Welcome to the Sentinel Band Program! The main goal of Sentinel's Band Program is to offer a variety of opportunities to make you a better player, performer, listener and person. Sentinel offers three high school concert bands, two jazz ensembles, percussion ensemble, marching band, drum-line and a basketball pep band. There will also be opportunities for students to audition for the Montana All-State Band, All-Northwest Band, perform at District Solo and Ensemble festivals, State Solo and Ensemble festivals and other festivals listed within this document.

In order to participate in band, each parent/guardian needs to complete the following 3 tasks by **Wednesday, September 6**. Please turn all forms into Mr. Nelson.

1. Fill out and turn in pages 7-10. Please note the uniform information listed on page 8.
2. Pay all fees. All members pay a \$65 fee.
Rentals are \$75 for the year, please email Mr. Nelson for instrument availability. *Please consider renting instruments like flutes, clarinets, alto/tenor saxophones, trumpets, and trombones from a local music store (Morgenroth or Music Medics). Sentinel has a very limited inventory of these instruments.*
Percussionists pay \$30 to cover head replacements and mallets (Please buy your own drum sticks).
This info is on page 9. If you cannot afford these fees, please email Mr. Nelson to schedule a payment plan or apply for scholarship help. No student will be turned away due to finances.
3. Please make sure your contact information is up to date with the district. If you are not receiving emails from myself or other teachers/administrators, that means your contact information is not up to date with the district OR your email account is blocking our emails. Please email Jennifer Owen (jowen@mcpsmt.org) at Sentinel to ensure your information is up to date, if you are not receiving school emails. You should have received this handbook in a digital format by now.

This packet also includes the following (Please KEEP these three documents):

- *A calendar – some things on this calendar may change. Mr. Nelson will email with any changes.
- *A copy of how to letter in band. Students save this form for the end of the year.
- *Info on how to earn a graduation cord.
- *A list of private lesson teachers.

You can find a digital calendar on the booster website: <https://www.sentinelband.org/calendar>

All rules and grading policies can be found on my school's webpage. Earning an A in band is easy as long as you show up to rehearsal and performances on time, have a great attitude, and complete a handful of assignments throughout the year.

I hope all parents/legal guardians and students will participate in the band program with a high appreciation, understanding, and commitment in mind.

Welcome to the Sentinel Band family! I am very excited to work with all of you!

Lewis Nelson

Private Lessons – You Keep this form

Private lessons are strongly encouraged to all students. I recommend lessons for any student, regardless of level - beginning thru advanced. We are very lucky in Missoula, due to the University, to have access to so many incredible private teachers. Most communities and students do not have this opportunity.

Flute	Dr. Tiana Grise' - 406flute@gmail.com 218-443-6946 Dr. Joanna Berg - joannanora@gmail.com 406-431-7862
Oboe	Susi Stipich - sstipich@hotmail.com
Bassoon	Alicia McLean - basunist@msn.com
Clarinet	Chuck Florence - saxophones2@msn.com 406-546-9324
Saxophone	Chuck and/or Brooke Florence - saxophones2@msn.com 406-546-9324 Mr. Nelson is opening up his personal saxophone studio. Please ask if you would like lessons.
Horn	Rory Anderson - randerson@mcpsmt.org 406-880-9877
Trumpet	Bill Kautz – 612-210-0210, williamkautz@gmail.com Brendan McGlynn - 406-529-9976 John Driscol – 406-880-0684
Trombone	Dr. Benedict Kirby – benedictkirby1966@gmail.com Rob Tapper - Rob.Tapper@mso.umt.edu Naomi Siegel – naomi.siegel@gmail.com 617-290-0639
Euphonium/Tuba	Dr. Benedict Kirby – benedictkirby1966@gmail.com
Percussion	Delaney Wirtala – thedelaneywirtala@gmail.com 406-260-0060 Ed Stalling (Jazz/Latin drum set)- edstalling@yahoo.com
Jazz Guitar	Ryan Belski – 406-273-8367 Jeff Troxel - jctroxel@bresnan.net , 307-272-9774
Jazz Bass	Tommy Sciple – 504-952-1506 Ryan Davis - rsdavis@mcpsmt.org

Earning a cord

A cord is the rope that seniors wear over their gown during the graduation ceremony. Each color cord designates an honor that a student earned/achieved during their time in high school. The band now has their own cord that outstanding band students wear during graduation. In order to earn a band cord, a senior student must be in band all four years, letter in band 3 out 4 four years and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. This is a huge honor and hopefully each student will strive to earn it.

BAND PERFORMANCE DATES – YOU KEEP THIS FORM
PLEASE PUT THESE DATES INTO YOUR CALENDAR

- Sept 14 Required for all – Marching Band vs Billings Skyview at MCPS Stadium – students will rehearse after school at SHS. The goal of this rehearsal is to put the marching music together, practice the national anthem, and run 3-4 pep band tunes. We will eat pizza supplied by the booster parents together and students will be released at 6pm to transport themselves to MCPS Stadium. Please meet Mr. Nelson at 6:30pm in the stands at the SE corner of the stadium. We will begin playing at 6:45. The game will start at 7:00pm. No halftime show tonight. Note: If you are in an outside school sport or activity, please join us when your practice is finished. Just let Mr. Nelson know and we will work around it.
Uniform: band shirt, jeans, jacket
- Sept 16 Required for all – Marching Band Camp – 8:00am–4pm. We will meet at SHS to work on our halftime show and learn how to parade marching as a full band. Please bring water, healthy snacks and wear your marching shoes. The boosters will feed the students pizza from 11:30-12:15.
- Sept 21 Required for all – Marching rehearsal after school 4-5:30pm. We will rehearse for the UM Parade as well as work on our halftime show. Please wear your marching shoes to break them in. Note: If you are in an outside school sport or activity, please join us when your practice is finished. Just let Mr. Nelson know and we will work around it.
- Sept 22 Required for all – Sentinel Homecoming Marching Band vs Big Sky at WA Griz Stadium– students will rehearse after school at SHS and will clean the show. We will eat pizza supplied by the booster parents together, change and students will be released at 5:45pm to transport themselves to WA Griz Stadium. Please go directly to the stadium. We will warm up, unload the moving van, and begin playing immediately. The game will start at 7:00pm. We will play in the stands at the football game, and we WILL perform our halftime show tonight. Note: If you are in an outside school sport or activity, please join us when your practice is finished. Just let Mr. Nelson know and we will work around it. Uniform: marching shirt, black pants, black socks, marching shoes and shorts (for under the uniform).
- Sept 28 Required for all– Marching rehearsal after school 4-5:30pm. We will rehearse for the UM homecoming parade. Please wear your marching shoes. Note: If you are in an outside school sport or activity, please join us when your practice is finished. Just let Mr. Nelson know and we will work around it.
- Sept 30 Required for all- Marching Band at UM Homecoming parade – 7:00 am Meet at SHS. We will briefly practice parade marching, then will bus to the parade site and march the UM Homecoming Parade. After the parade, we will bus back to SHS. Uniform: marching shirt, black pants, black socks, marching shoes and shorts (for under the uniform).
- Oct 4 Required for jazz band– Jazz Concert with special guest artist, 7pm – more info to come!
- Oct 6 Volunteer Pep Band/drumline for Football game at MCPS Stadium. More info to follow! This game counts towards LETTERING in band!!
- Oct 17 Required for all - Fall Concert – 7:00 pm – CALL 6:15 pm, Margaret Johnson Theatre Uniform: Tux or concert dress. Wear your band shirt during the school day.
- TBD Volunteers/Pep Band – Football Playoffs!!!! Play in the stands and be loud! DRESS WARM! The goal is to have at least 60 students. These games count towards LETTERING in band!! They are low pressure and fun!
- Dec 4 Required for Symphonic, Jazz Bands and Percussion Ensemble – Holiday Concert – 7:00 pm - Call 6:15pm, Margaret Johnson Theatre Uniform: Tux or dress. Wear your band shirt during the school day.
- Dec 5 Required Wind Ensemble and Concert Band - Holiday Concert – 7:00 pm - CALL 6:15pm, Margaret Johnson Theatre Uniform: Tux or dress. Wear your band shirt during the school day.
- Dec TBD Required for Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Percussion Ensemble - School Holiday Assembly Day/Time TBD
- Feb 13 Required for both jazz bands – Collab concert with Hellgate at Sentinel – 7pm – Call 6:15pm
- Feb 21 Jazz Band Gold only - performance at PORTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – 7:00pm – Call 6:15pm
- Feb 26 or 27 Required for Concert, Symphonic Band, and Percussion Ensemble - UM Concert Band Festival – times TBD, day time performances Uniform: Tux or concert dress. Wear your band shirt when not performing.
- March 4-5 Required for Wind Ensemble – AA Band Festival in Missoula – All students will rehearse all day and have two evening concerts at Hellgate High School. Uniform: Tux or concert dress.

- March 11 Required for Concert Band, All Touring Members, Symphonic Band, and Percussion Ensemble– Spring Festival Concert #1 – 7:00 pm, Margaret Johnson Theatre Uniform: Tux or concert dress. Wear your band shirt during the school day. Tour meeting will be at 6:00 pm
- March 12 Required for Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Meadow Hill 8th Grade Band– Spring Festival Concert #2 – followed performance at 7:00 pm, Margaret Johnson Theatre Uniform: Tux or concert dress. Wear your band shirt during the school day.
- March 14-23 Tour to Italy! More details to follow!
- April 18 Required for Concert, Symphonic, Percussion Ensemble, and Wind Ensemble – District Music Festival at Sentinel High School during the day. Times and info to come. Uniform: Tux or concert dress. Wear your band shirt during the school day.
- April 20 Required for Jazz Band – District Music Festival at Big Sky High School during the day. Times and info to come. Uniform: Tux or concert dress.
- May 21 Required - End of year Banquet/Concert – 6:00pm, Margaret Johnson Theatre Uniform: Tux or concert dress. Wear your band shirt during the school day.
- June 1 Required 9th thru 11th grade - Graduation at UM Adams Center – Time TBD Uniform: Men - Long Sleeve shirt, tie, dress pants, black socks, and black shoes. Women - Appropriate dress/attire.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR/HONOR PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLE DATES – YOU KEEP THIS FORM

- Oct 18-20 All-State Band students only – Festival will be held in Missoula. Uniform: Tux or concert dress. Wear nice school clothes during festival rehearsals (look professional).
- Oct. 28 Grizzly Marching Band Day – If you are interested in playing in the grizzly band someday or want to learn about how to make money playing your instrument in college, this is a great opportunity!
- Nov. 10-12 UM All Star Band – with guest artist Julie Giroux! More info to come!
- Jan 12-14 (Dates could change) All-State Jazz Band – Festival will be held in Helena. Auditions will be recorded in the Fall.
- March 7-9 Pep Band – State Basketball Tourney in Missoula! More info to come! All Pep games count towards a letter!
- April 20 District Solo/Ensemble, Big Sky HS Uniform: Nice dress clothes.
- May 3-4 Selected students only - State Solo/Ensemble Music Festival, Helena Uniform: Nice dress clothes.

ITALY TOUR - EXTRA PRACTICES

EXTRA ITALY EVENING PRACTICES WILL TAKE PLACE SINCE WE ARE COMBINING STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS BANDS TOGETHER. PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR: 7-8:30PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: NOVEMBER 6, 20, 27, DECEMBER 11, JANUARY 8, 22, FEBRUARY 5, 19, AND MARCH 6.

PEP BAND SCHEDULE

I hope all students will consider joining the Pep Band! Each game and practice count towards lettering in band!!
I will release the practice and game schedule in November.

Please make arrangements for dealing with any schedule conflict. Extreme care has been taken in constructing this calendar for balancing a quality music education experience with student and family interests and commitments. All events are scheduled as certain as possible at printing time. Remember if there are issues, please email Mr. Nelson. I am very easy to work with as long as there is clear communication. Thank you!

HOW TO LETTER IN BAND

(Students save this form for the end of the year – fill it out as you go)

Band Letters are awarded by accumulating points of merit. Letters will be awarded when a student earns 450 points. Add up your totals and turn this form into Mr. Nelson. Mr. Nelson will let you know when it is due. You are on the honor system and it is your responsibility to keep track of your points. Students must participate in band for the entire year to earn a letter. **Note – If you drop band during the year, you forfeit all letter points. In addition, points reset on a yearly basis.*

CO-CURRICULAR

_____ Private Lessons on your band instrument - 30 points per 30-minute lesson/40 points per 45-60-minute lesson

_____ Leadership - 50 points for Drum Major or Section Leader where applicable

_____ Participation in an approved outside of SHS ensemble (MYS/All City Jazz) – 10 points per rehearsal,
50 points per performance

_____ Summer Band Camp - 25 points per day

PEP BAND

_____ 30 points for each event you attend (except the battle of the golden goat basketball game). This goes for additional football games, football playoffs, regular basketball games, basketball playoff games, and extra/outside rehearsals.

_____ 150 points if you play at BOTH boys and girls battle of the golden goat basketball games.

STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN TWO BAND CLASSES FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

_____ 200 points

STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THREE BAND CLASSES FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

_____ 300 points

FESTIVAL

_____ 1. Solo at District - 50 points per performance – PLUS 25 points if you earn a superior

_____ 2. Ensemble at District - 50 points per performance – PLUS 25 points if you earn a superior

_____ 3. Solo at State - 50 points per performance – PLUS 50 points if you earn a superior

_____ 4. Ensemble at State - 50 points per performance – PLUS 50 points if you earn a superior

HONORS

_____ 1. All-State Band -300 points

_____ 2. All-Northwest Band -300 points

Total Points _____

Student Printed Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature confirming the point totals _____



Missoula County Public Schools

Annual Parent/Guardian Field Trip Consent Form

Forward Thinking, High Achieving.

This Field Trip Consent Form gives Missoula County Public Schools and its staff permission to take the below named student off campus for school approved field trips for the 20__ - 20__ (please insert years here) school year. This permission applies to all local field trips occurring within Missoula during the school year. This permission is valid for one school year. Parents will be notified at least one week in advance of local field trips. At this time, parents will have the option to withdraw permission for any individual field trip by completing the *Field Trip Opt-Out Notice*. If a parent or guardian signs the Opt Out Notice for a specific field trip, the Annual Field Trip Consent remains valid for all other local field trips. Separate permission will be sought for any field trips occurring outside of Missoula, including field trips within and outside the state of Montana.

If you choose not to sign this annual permission form, you will be asked to give permission for your child to participate in each field trip occurring within Missoula throughout the school year.

Section 1 - Student Information

Student/Participant's Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____ (Required in case of medical emergency.)
Parent/Guardian's Name: _____
Home Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Business/Work Phone: _____

Section 2 - Medical Information

Does your student have a medical condition which the teacher should be aware of before allowing the student to participate?

(Please check all that apply.)

- Allergies (List specific allergy i.e. peanuts, etc.) _____
Describe Allergy Symptoms/Treatment (i.e. anaphylaxis, epiPen, etc.) _____
 - Medications (List medications student needs to have available on field trip.) _____
 - Medical Condition (List medical condition i.e. asthma, etc.) _____
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Section 3 - Consent and Liability Waiver

I hereby give permission for my student to participate in Missoula County Public School field trips during the 2019-2020 school year. I understand field trips may require transportation (provided by MCPS) to a location away from the school campus.

As a parent or guardian, I understand that the school and staff will try to prevent accidents. However, I fully understand that some activities on field trips involve inherent risks to students regardless of all feasible safety measures that may be taken by the District. In consideration of the District's agreement to allow my child to participate in the referenced field trip, I agree to accept responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury to my child that occurs during my child's participation in this field trip that is not the result of fraud, willful injury to a person or property or the willful or negligent violation of the law by a trustee, employee or agent of the Missoula County Public Schools.

In the event it becomes necessary for the district staff in charge to obtain emergency care for my child, neither he/she nor the school district assumes financial liability for expenses incurred because of an accident, injury, illness and/or unforeseen circumstances. I authorize Missoula County Public Schools' employees or volunteers in charge of the student to obtain all necessary emergency medical care and authorize any licensed physician and/or medical personnel to render necessary emergency treatment to my child.

Parent or Guardian: _____
(Printed Name)

Parent or Guardian: _____
(Signature)

Date: _____

Form due with participation agreement. Turn into Mr. Nelson

**SENTINEL HIGH SCHOOL – PLEASE TURN THIS FORM INTO MR. NELSON
OR PLACE IN BAND BOX
ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM, PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

Due: September 6, 2023 – Turn into Mr. Nelson

- We have read this document.
- We have marked all required performance dates on our family's calendar and have brought any conflicts or concerns to Mr. Nelson's attention.
- We understand that there is a uniform requirement. ***Boys/girls who want to wear a tux will need to buy a wingtip tux shirt (purchase an affordable one on Amazon for around \$20 or watch local sales), black bow tie, and black socks. Girls who prefer to wear the black band dress will need to buy black nylons/leggings. Any student is allowed to wear a tux instead of a dress, just ask.*** The band supplies: pants, coats, dresses and shoes. All members are supplied a marching uniform for marching season. If finances are an issue for the tux shirt and bow tie, let Mr. Nelson or the uniform parent know. We have some donated shirts/ties we can lend out.
- Uniforms issued to the students will need to be well maintained – hung up and not thrown into a ball in the band room (yes this happens often). Students/parents/legal guardians will be financially responsible for any damage or loss.
- Students are expected to maintain any school music equipment issued. Student and parents/legal guardians will be financially responsible for any damage or loss.
- Students are expected to abide by all rules and policies of Missoula County Public Schools, Sentinel High School and the Sentinel High School Performing Arts Department.
- Members of the Sentinel Band Program are required to exhibit good character by being respectful to adults, teachers and their peers, working hard in school and in band, “Choosing to Do It Right – Always.”
- **We understand there is a Band Fee of \$65 for the school year, payable in full by September 6, 2023.** This is a one-time fee for all band students, regardless of how many concert, jazz, percussion ensembles they join. Checks need to be payable to the Sentinel Band Parents.
- We filled out the field trip consent form.

Student's Name (Print)

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (Print)

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

**SENTINEL HIGH SCHOOL BAND – PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT
PLEASE GIVE THIS FORM TO MR. NELSON OR PLACE IN BAND BOX**

**BAND FEES, SPONSORSHIPS, INSTRUMENT RENTAL FEES
AND ADDITIONAL SHIRT ORDER FORM
DUE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

Student Name: _____

Instructions:

1. All students will pay a one-time band fee of \$65.
2. If you are renting an instrument please fill out the back of this page. Please add \$75 to the check. Mr. Nelson will assign instruments to students after payment is made.
3. If you are a percussionist, please fill out the back of this page. Please add \$30.
4. If you would like to donate, please add any amount you wish to the Band Sponsor/Donation Fund. These donations are how we pay for expensive instruments over time. We are currently fundraising for a new set of timpani. Our current set was purchased in 1956. New timpani cost \$15000+. Thank you for the support!
5. All students receive 1 shirt. If you would like to purchase additional shirt(s), email Mr. Nelson.
6. Add up your total at the bottom and turn in a check made out to “Sentinel Band Parents”.

Band Fee:

All Members pay this = \$65.00

This fee is similar to a “white fee” that you would have to pay if you were to join a sport at Sentinel. This fee will be used to supply each student with a band t-shirt, marching shoes, guest clinician coaching, food for each marching band football game, uniform cleaning and minor repairs for uniforms, and small purchases for music, instruments and gear. If you have questions, please email Mr. Nelson. Thank you!!

Band Sponsor/Donation Fund:

If you or your business are able to donate to the Sentinel Band program, please do so! These funds will be used to help scholarship students who cannot afford travel costs related to band, replace old instruments and replace old marching uniforms, or other program costs as needed. Any amount is appreciated, but may we suggest \$10, \$25, \$50, or \$100+. Your generous contribution will be listed on all band programs for the 2023/24 year. Please write below how you would like to be listed in the program. If you give over \$100 we will include a logo on the program; please email the logo to Mr. Nelson. Please make checks out to Sentinel Band Parents. The school district is a non-profit. EIN 81-0504312. Your gift may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal tax purposes. Mr. Nelson will mail a receipt.

Contribution Amount \$ _____

Pledge Name & Address: _____

Name as it is to appear on the Program: _____ **Logo?**

FEE FOR PERCUSSION AND INSTRUMENT RENTALS:

Please fill out the attached “Instrumental Rental Contract” and add the \$75 or \$30 fee here: \$ _____

Payment - add up all of the above - Total Due on September 6, 2023: \$ _____

Please make the check out to Sentinel Band Parents. Please do not pay with cash, if at all possible. Sorry there is no credit card option this year. Please place this form and check inside a sealed envelope and place the envelope into the Band Payment box by Mr. Nelson’s office. If you want to pay with fundraiser dollars, please write that next to the payment total.

INSTRUMENT RENTAL CONTRACT
Missoula County Public Schools
Fine Arts Department

DATE: _____

INSTRUMENT: _____ INSTRUMENT NUMBER: _____

STUDENT: _____ GRADE: _____ SCHOOL : _____

Please read and initial the terms of Instrument Rental listed below:

- 1) I agree to see that the instrument is properly cared for and returned as agreed in this contract. I understand I will be held responsible for malicious or careless damage to the instrument and will make any restitution for its repair or replacement.
- 2) I understand I am responsible for replacement of loss ligatures, lost mouthpieces, lost neck straps, broken strings or bridges.
- 3) The instrument will be returned at the time stated in this contract. I understand that I must return this instrument immediately if I drop from the band or orchestra program or if I leave Missoula County Public Schools.
- 4) I understand the Fine Arts Department's instrument inventory is self-funded. Fees received allow MCPS to provide low cost rentals to all.

RENTAL FEES—HIGH SCHOOL

School Year Rental.....\$75.00
Shared Rental (consent of director).....\$35.00
Summer Rental.....\$30.00
Percussion Fee.....\$30.00

<p>PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: (print) _____</p> <p>P/G Signature: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Zip: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>RETURN BY: <u>After graduation</u></p> <p>Today's Date: _____ Amount: _____</p> <p>Check #: _____</p>
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Make checks to Sentinel Band Parents. Please, no cash if possible.