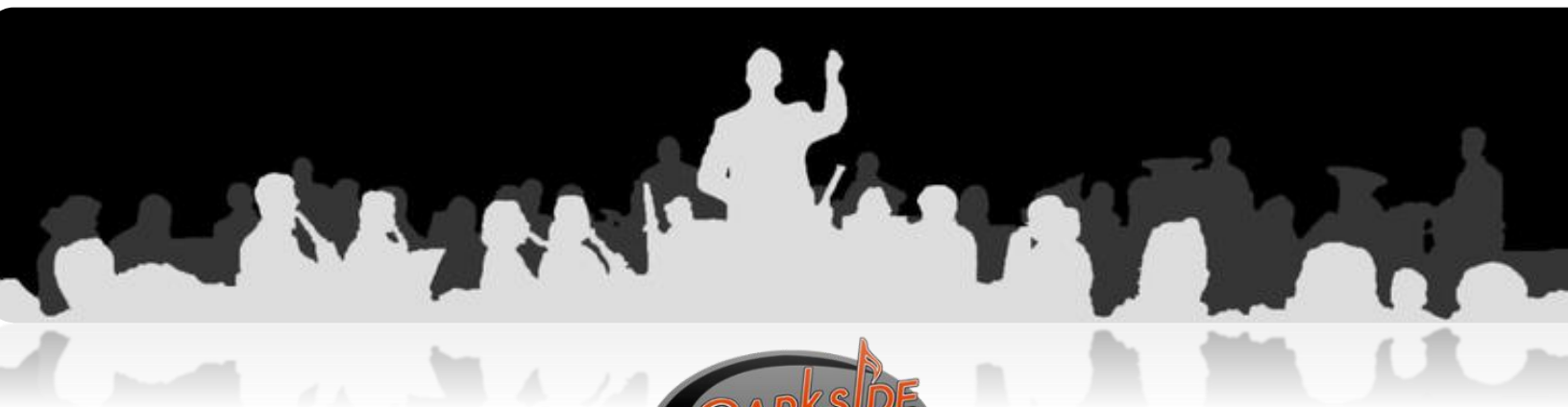


Parkside Junior High School Bands

2019 - 2020 School Year

8th Grade Symphonic Band



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Note to Parents:

Congratulations on choosing Parkside Bands!

We are excited that you have chosen to be a part of the Parkside Bands tradition, and we are looking forward to an exciting and musical year. The information in this Handbook should serve as a reference throughout our musical journey. Another great resource for you to use is our website, located at www.parksidebands.com.

You and your student have an important assignment right as the school year begins! Please complete the Commitment form (link provided at the back of this booklet) by Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

We look forward to an amazing journey this year! Please reach out if you have any questions.

A large, stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Bolton". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Mrs. Jennifer Bolton
Band Director
boltonj@unit5.org

Bands at Parkside JHS

Symphonic Band

The Symphonic Band is comprised of musicians in eighth grade. They perform at PJHS concerts in addition to traveling to festivals throughout the year. The Symphonic Band rehearses daily during third hour.

Concert Band

The Concert Band is comprised of musicians in seventh grade. They perform at PJHS concerts in addition to traveling to festivals throughout the year. The Concert Band rehearses daily during fourth hour.

Cadet Band

The Cadet Band is comprised of musicians in sixth grade. They perform at PJHS concerts in addition to traveling to festivals throughout the year. The Cadent Band rehearses daily during first hour.

5th Grade Band

The 5th Grade Band is comprised of musicians in fifth grade. They perform at least two concerts throughout the year. The 5th Grade Band rehearses daily during 8th hour.

Honor Band

The Honor Band is comprised of the most elite musicians at PJHS by invitation. They perform at PJHS concerts in addition to traveling to prestigious festivals throughout the year. The Honor Band rehearses outside of the school day during the winter and spring seasons.

Jazz Band

The Jazz Band is comprised of musicians from all grade levels. They perform at Unit Jazz Concerts in addition to touring the Elementary Schools in the spring. The Jazz Band rehearses outside of the school day.

Percussion Ensemble

The Percussion Ensemble is comprised of percussionists from all grade levels. They meet during regularly scheduled band classes. Additional morning rehearsals may take place in preparation for performances. These groups will perform music written specifically for percussion instruments.

Required Materials

The following materials are required and expected to be with students in class:

- ♪ Snark Tuner
- ♪ Sharpened pencil
- ♪ Instrument and supplies (reeds, valve oil, stick bag, etc.)
- ♪ All students will need to turn in \$26.00 to Mrs. Bolton for the rental of their method book
- ♪ Folder containing music and the method book (Bach and Before)
- ♪ Laptops on various days

Music Folders

Each musician will be issued a music folder containing current music and other necessary class materials. Folders are to be stored in the assigned folder slots in the cabinets located inside the band room. Storing folders in instrument cases or in the instrument storage rooms can cause damage. Students are highly encouraged to take their folders home for regular practice sessions. Remember, students must bring the folders back to class!

Students will be charged for lost or damaged music (just like text books for other classes). Typical replacement costs for a lot folder are approximately \$30 because individual parts are special order.

Instrument Storage

Each musician's instrument should be clearly marked with his/her name. Instruments should be brought to the band room before school begins each day to be stored in one of our two instrument storage rooms. Each instrument has an assigned storage location based on the musician's grade and what type of instrument the student plays. Be sure to store your instrument in the correct location!

School Owned Instruments

School owned instruments are issued at the beginning of each year. All instruments have been cleaned and tuned/adjusted since the prior school year. Additional information and policies regarding school owned instruments are outlined on the Instrument Contract that is issued as the instrument is checked out for the year. Be sure to complete, sign, and return the Contract at the beginning of the school year.

2019 – 2020 Band Events

Optional events are in black

Mandatory attendance is in orange

Date	Event	Call Time	Performance
Friday, Sept 13	8 th grade Football Night @ Normal West HS	5:30 pm	
Saturday, Sept 28	Intercity Band Festival @ Bloomington JHS (selected students based upon nomination selection)	7:45 am	3:00 pm
Monday, Oct 14	ILMEA District Band Auditions @ Bloomington JHS	7:40 am	TBA
Wednesday, Oct 23	Last day to submit recording for All-Illinois Junior Band	11:59 pm	11:59 pm
Saturday, Nov 3	ILMEA District Jazz Band Festival-Olivet University (selected students based upon October 14th auditions)	All Day	Afternoon
Thursday, Nov 7	Combined Concert with West @ West High School	6:30 pm	7:00 pm
Saturday, Nov 16	ILMEA District Concert Band Festival-Olivet University (selected students based upon October 14th auditions)	All Day	Afternoon
Friday & Saturday, Jan 24 – 25	All-Illinois Junior Band Festival U of I Campus, Champaign (selected students based upon Oct. 23 audition recordings)	All Day	Afternoon
Friday, Feb 28	IGSMA Organizational Contest @ Bloomington JHS	TBA	TBA
Saturday, April 18	Possible IESA Solo/Ensemble Contest (Optional)	TBA	TBA
Thursday, April 21	Spring Concert & 8 th Grade Recognition – PJHS	6:10 pm	6:30 pm
Friday, May 15	Chicago Trip, CSO performing Jurassic Park	All Day	All Day

Additional events may be scheduled as the year progresses. Families will be notified of any changes or additions to the published dates as soon as they are made. The most current calendar is available at the band website – www.parksidebands.com.

Attendance at all performances is expected because it is vital to the band's success. When a musician is absent, important individual parts are missed which affects the entire group performance.

You will need to complete a Performance Conflict Form as soon as you are aware of a conflict (a two week notice or more is required). Absences will be excused at the Director's discretion for the following reasons:

- ♪ Illness
- ♪ Death in the family
- ♪ Immediate family wedding
- ♪ Conflicts with other school-related events

In most cases, school-related conflicts can be resolved between the Band Director and the Coach/Sponsor. Unexcused absences from a performance will have a severely negative effect on the student's grade.

I hope to assist in resolving any scheduling conflicts as they arise. Please contact me as early as possible!

Concert Attire

All musicians are required to wear the following uniform for performances:

- ♪ Gentlemen: Black uniform shirt (supplied by Mrs. Bolton), black dress pants/slacks (if your pants have belt loops, please wear a black belt), black knee length socks/hose & solid black shoes (closed-toe, dress shoes are required)
- ♪ Ladies: Black uniform dress (supplied by Mrs. Bolton), black knee length socks/hose & solid black shoes (closed-toe, dress shoes are required)
- ♪ Ladies with pierced ears may wear small earrings that do not detract from the performance.

As students age and change sizes quickly, we recommend that a lot of money not be spent on the uniform. Pants, socks, and shoes are available for very reasonable prices at Walmart, Target, Payless, etc. Please contact Mrs. Bolton if you are in need of financial assistance to obtain uniform components.

Private Study

The fastest way for a student to progress musically is through private study with a specialist in his/her instrument. We encourage students at all levels to consider this opportunity to increase their knowledge and musicality. A list of teachers is provided below. For additional information, visit the band website and click on Private Lessons, or ask your Band Director to suggest a teacher who would be a good fit for your student.

Flute	Sally Hoffman	sally_hoffman@hotmail.com	309-661-1347
	Alex Clay	aclayflute17@gmail.com	707-715-0518
Oboe	Judith Dicker	jdicker@ilstu.edu	309-438-5287
	Ron Dunagan	rcdunagan@gmail.com	309-531-2500
Bassoon	Michael Dicker	mhdicke@ilstu.edu	309-438-8240
	Mrs. Warren	gordyandpat@comcast.net	309-663-1417
Clarinet	Judy Mathieson		309-662-9694
	Beth Hildebrand	bmhilden@icloud.com	815-579-0405
Saxophone	Kay Williams	okokay@me.com	309-287-6304
	Denise Quitschau	quitschau@district140.org	309-830-4129
	Brett Thole	Bgthole.saxophonist@yahoo.com	618-610-9914
	Paula Wallace		309-663-4882
French Horn	Mark Day	daym@district87.org	309-830-1090
	Keith Zimmerman	zsaxman@aol.com	309-444-3085
	Michele Carnahan	michele-reckers@yahoo.com	309-530-8009
	Christine Hanson		815-674-7164
Trumpet	Patrick Mainieri	patrick.mainieri@gmail.com	964-320-9399
	Anna Poncin	Bluejay1610@gmail.com	309-287-0020
Trombone	Colin Halihan	Halihan.collip7@gmail.com	309-824-8734
	Kyle Renchen	kyle.renchen@gmail.com	815-954-5775
	Corey Beirne	beirne@unit5.org	309-532-2877
	Michael Wallace	michwall2@aol.com	309-663-4882
Euphonium/Tuba	Ed Risinger	risinger@iwu.edu	309-556-1046
	Andy Rummel	atrumme@ilstu.edu	
Percussion	Miles Bohlman	mnbohlman@ilstu.edu	708-321-0125
	John Larson	johnlarsondrums@gmail.com	309-532-2430
	Gordy Warren		309-663-1417

Grading

Grades in band classes will be Standards-based. There are 3 major strands that are assessed throughout the year:

- ♪ Musicianship
- ♪ Technique
- ♪ Rehearsal and performance skills

Please visit Infinite Campus frequently to view your child's grades.

Ways to Communicate

We realize parents and students get extremely busy throughout the school year. That is why we offer a number of ways to stay connected in order to be reminded of important dates and events. Please make sure you are connected to the following resources so you receive all the information you need throughout the year.

PJHS Band Website

The band website is located at www.parksidebands.com. The most current information will be posted on this site. If you have any questions regarding rehearsals, concerts, performances, or the required concert attire, please consult the website first. Please note you must type "www" to access the appropriate site. It is also a ".com", not a ".org". There is a calendar located on the website that will contain all of the current band events. Please select the appropriate page for your student (**Symphonic**) to view information specific to your students.

Remind Message System

The Remind Message System is a text messaging application. The application is used for quick scheduling changes, updates, and reminders. Once you are signed up to receive messages, you will receive a confirmation text message. Click to enroll at [Text Messaging/Email Messaging](#)

Charms Office Assistant

The Charms website tracks individual student band finances. Each student will have an account. Parents and students can view all money earned or stored in this site. This site also tracks band fees that are owed. Click [Charms](#) to access the service. The School Code is "pjhsbands".

Facebook

Parkside JHS Bands has their own Facebook page. It is located here: [Facebook](#)

Instagram

Parkside JHS Bands has an Instagram account. It is located here: [Instagram](#)

Unit 5 Music Parents

The Unit 5 Music Parents organization meets once a month. All parents are invited to attend these meetings. One of the group's primary fundraisers is the Spaghetti Supper in November. Families with students enrolled in a music program at the Junior High are asked to help by signing up to work a shift at the dinner. There will be a "Sign up Genius" email for working the shifts. The link will also be sent in an email prior to the event. We appreciate your help and support with this one.

PJHS Band Boosters

The PJHS Band Boosters functions separately from the Unit 5 Music Parents. This group helps meet the specific needs of the PJHS Band Program. All parents are encouraged to be a part of this group. Visit the PJHS website for additional information.

September 10 @ 5:30 pm – Band Room
 October 8 @ 5:30 pm – Band Room
 November 12 @ 5:30 pm – Band Room
 December 14 @ 6:00 pm – Mrs. Bolton's House
 January 14 @ 5:30 pm – Band Room
 February 11 @ 5:30 pm – Band Room
 March 10 @ 5:30 pm – Band Room
 April 14 @ 5:30 pm – Band Room
 May 5 @ 5:30 pm – El Toro

Commitment Form

Please click on the following link to complete the commitment form.

Please submit your class fee of \$26.00 to Mrs. Bolton earlier than **Wednesday, August 21**.

[2019-2020 Commitment Form – Symphonic Band](#).