

TWIN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK



2018-2019

Twin Lakes Band Office

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Extension 2361

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Monticello, IN 47960

TWIN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

Objectives

To give each student musical experiences that will challenge and enrich their lives.

To develop individual leadership and self-discipline.

To develop cooperation and teamwork.

To develop confidence and poise.

To develop proficiency on a musical instrument.

To develop pride in individual and group achievement.

To represent Twin Lakes High School as "The Spirit of Twin Lakes!"

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Band Performance Philosophy

Performances are an integral part of course expectations and relates to classroom learning and instruction. Attendance at all performances is necessary to finalize and complete the standard three-part arts cycle of **create/learn/perform**, a component inherent in all performing arts courses. Performance in the arts thus culminates the activity portfolio of classroom learning. Group success in performance settings relates directly to individual student responsibility and achievement.

Performance Attendance Policy

A calendar of performance dates will be made available to each student and parent. Students and parents are expected to sign and return the student/parent contract form indicating they have placed all performance and rehearsal dates on their home and personal calendars. For full consideration, **immediate written notification** should be made to the course instructor if the student is unable to attend any performance or rehearsal listed on the calendar.

Absences

Each student is expected to be at all rehearsals and performances. All absences are unexcused until validated by Mr. Boyer. Examples of **unexcused absences** include, but are not limited to: **work, homework, minor illness, skipping practice, being excessively late, etc.** Unexcused absences will result in a zero for the total points for that event. Absences due to any reason other than major illness, serious family emergency, a funeral or wedding, or a special pre-approved circumstance will be considered unexcused. An unexcused absence from a rehearsal or performance will result in no credit for that missed event.

It is the **student's** responsibility to communicate any form of absence or tardiness to **Mr. Boyer.**

DO NOT ASK OTHERS TO DO THIS FOR YOU.

Band Office Phone: 574-583-7108 Ext. 2361

Mr. Boyer's cell phone: 765-532-3222

PUT THESE NUMBERS IN YOUR PHONE!

ADDITIONAL BAND ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Basketball Pep Band -- The Twin Lakes Pep Band provides music for 8-10 home basketball games in addition to pep sessions and other similar activities. Students participating in the Pep Band will earn points toward “Strive For Excellence” Awards based on attendance. Students are allowed 1-2 absences.

Twin Lakes Color Guard -- The auxiliary corps of the Spirit of Twin Lakes Marching Band, the Twin Lakes Color Guard performs a wide variety of routines ranging from flags and rifles to dance routines.

Winter Drum Line – The Twin Lakes Winter Percussion Ensemble takes part in the Indiana Percussion Association winter drumline circuit in February & March. This culminates in Drum Line State Finals in late March.

Winter Guard - The Twin Lakes Winter Guard competes in the Indiana High School Color Guard Association Events between January-April. Winter Guard students must be guard members during marching season to participate.

Musical Orchestra – The Musical Orchestra performs at the spring musical production in mid-March. Members are chosen by the director and practice in January through March. Students participating in the Musical Pit Band will earn points toward “Strive For Excellence” Awards based on participation.

ISSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest (Ensembles) — A variety of brass, woodwind, and percussion ensembles are developed each year based on student interest. The ensembles are organized in late fall and rehearse in preparation for the ISSMA District Solo/Ensemble Contest. Students participating in the Solo-Ensemble Contest will earn points toward “Strive For Excellence” Awards based on level of participation.

ISSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest (Solos) — All students enrolled in band classes are eligible to participate in the ISSMA District Solo/Ensemble Contest. Sign-up is in the late fall. Students participating in the Solo/Ensemble Contest will earn points toward “Strive For Excellence” Awards based on level of participation.

State Solo/Ensemble Contest – Students who receive a Gold rating on a Group I solo or ensemble are eligible to participate in the ISSMA State Solo Contest. Parents must provide transportation for this optional event. Students participating in the Solo-Ensemble Contest will earn points toward “Strive For Excellence” Awards based on level of participation.

Twin Lakes Jazz Ensemble – The Jazz Ensemble is a separate full-credit class that meets during the school day. The Jazz Ensemble performs on regular band concerts, hosts a “Fall Jazz Night” and “Jazz Café” event, performs out in the Twin Lakes community, and participates in the ISSMA Jazz Contest held in early March. Jazz ensemble members are also expected to participate at all pep band games. The jazz ensemble is considered the core of the TLHS Pep Band. Pep band members are allowed 1-2 absences.

Indiana Jr. All-State Band (gr. 7-9), Indiana All-State Band & Indiana All-State Honor Band (gr. 9-12) — Sponsored by the Indiana Bandmaster's Association, the Jr. All-State Band is selected following statewide performance auditions. Top players are encouraged to audition for this prestigious band.

IMEA Honor Band - Sponsored by the Indiana Music Educator’s Association, the honor band is selected using director recommendations. For students in grades 11-12.

IBA All-Region Honor Band (gr. 7-9) & IBA All-District Honor Band (gr. 9-12) — Sponsored by the Indiana Bandmaster’s Association, the honor bands are selected using director recommendations.

FUNDRAISING & STUDENT ACCOUNTS

The Twin Lakes Band Boosters annually sponsor several fundraisers. Many of the fundraisers allow students to earn 50% profit that and applied to their individual band account. Money earned in this manner may be applied to band trips, band “Fair Share” fees, and other band expenses subject to the following guidelines:

- Only credit earned on or prior to the due date may be applied to any payment due.
- Credit is non-transferable. A student's account credit can't be used to pay fees for another student.
- At graduation, any remaining balance can be held for siblings enrolled in the high school band.

If a student leaves the band program before graduation, any money remaining in the student's account will be dispersed as follows:

- Credit from fundraiser profits revert to the band's Hardship Fund.
- Credit may be transferred to an immediate family member's band account.

CONCERT/JAZZ BAND UNIFORMS

Concert Band

- Performs in traditional, formal concert attire.
- Men wear tuxes and women wear black dresses. These outfits are property of the band department.
- Men must provide and wear their own black socks.
- Men will wear the provided black band shoes.
- Women must provide their own black dress shoes.

Jazz Ensemble

- All jazz ensemble members are expected to perform in their own black dress clothes.

MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS

These uniforms were very expensive, and need to last us for many years. Please take care to treat these uniforms with the respect that they deserve. The uniform moms will help you to take care of them, but it is imperative that you do your part. Please do your part to keep them in great shape.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED:

- To provide and wear long black athletic socks
- To wear compression shorts or slim-fitting athletic shorts
- To wear the provided show shirt under the uniform
- To keep uniform & accessories clean and always hung properly on the hangers provided.

Note: Section shirt designs must be approved by Mr. Boyer and principals before ordering.

“Spirit of Twin Lakes” Marching Band Rehearsal/Performance Schedule 2018

All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. If you have a conflict with a rehearsal or performance you must contact Mr. Boyer prior to being absent.

In addition to the previously given summer schedule, rehearsal and performance dates are as follows:

August 6 - November 3

Regular rehearsals are as follows:

Mondays: Full Ensemble 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Wednesdays: Full Ensemble 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Competitions:	September 8	Lafayette Jeff HS
	September 15	Northwestern HS
	September 22	Penn HS
	September 29	Zionsville or Ben Davis HS
	October 6	Center Grove HS
	October 13	ISSMA Regional @ Lafayette Jeff HS
	October 20	Contest TBA
	October 27	ISSMA Semi-State @ Decatur Central
	November 3	ISSMA State Finals @ Lucas Oil Stadium

Football Games:	August 17	vs. Western
	August 31	vs. Tipton
	September 7	vs. Rensselaer
	September 21	vs. Hamilton Heights
	October 5	vs. West Lafayette

Other:	September 3	There WILL BE regular rehearsal on Labor Day.
	October 25-26	There WILL BE a rehearsal at some point during our Fall Break. Please plan for this and do not leave Monticello.

Blood drive:	September 26	Students MAY NOT miss a rehearsal for a blood drive.
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SOTL Preview Night: Most likely October 26 – 6:30 PM

Monticello Christmas Parade: December 1 – 6:00 PM

TWIN LAKES BAND AWARDS

Strive for Excellence Award Program

“Strive For Excellence” is a program that was established for the purposes of:

1. Rewarding and recognizing band students for their accomplishments
2. Encouraging those same students to continue to strive for higher goals

The Program is divided into two parts:

1. Recognition for what the student has accomplished during the current school year.
 - *Chevron – at least 55 pts in one year
 - *Gold Bar – at least 105 pts in one year
2. Rewarding the students with an award for their overall accomplishments and contributions to the band program. Awards are for the total number of points a student has accumulated in his/her high school band career.
 - * Level 1: Band Pin – at least 55 pts
 - * Level 2: “Strive for Excellence” Patch with 1 Stripe – at least 120 pts
 - * Level 3: “Strive for Excellence” Patch with 2 Stripes – at least 235 pts
 - * Level 4: “Strive for Excellence” Plaque – at least 350 pts
 - * Level 5: “Strive for Excellence” Framed Award – for Seniors with at least 450 pts

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC “STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE” 2018-2019

NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____

PLEASE PLACE YOUR POINTS FOR **THIS SCHOOL YEAR** ON THE LINE AT THE RIGHT.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>WORTH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CONCERT BAND	20 PTS	_____
MARCHING BAND, INSTRUMENTAL	20 PTS.	_____
MARCHING BAND, GUARD	20 PTS.	_____
JAZZ ENSEMBLE	20 PTS	_____
PEP BAND, BASKETBALL	15 PTS	_____
WINTER DRUM LINE	15 PTS	_____
WINTER GUARD	15 PTS	_____
NON-TL ORCHESTRA	15 PTS	_____
MUSICAL ORCHESTRA	10 PTS	_____
ALL-STATE BAND/HONOR BAND (Jr. or HS)	10 PTS	_____
ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA	10 PTS	_____
ALL-STATE PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE	10 PTS	_____
IMEA HONOR BAND	10 PTS	_____
IBA ALL-REGION BAND	5 PTS	_____
IBA ALL-DISTRICT BAND	5 PTS	_____
TL SHOW CHOIR BAND	5 PTS	_____
LESSON NIGHT INSTRUCTOR	10 PTS	_____
DRUM MAJOR	10 PTS	_____
GUARD CAPTAIN	5 PTS	_____
SECTION LEADER	5 PTS	_____
MUSIC THEORY CLASS	5 PTS	_____
ELECTRONIC MUSIC CLASS	5 PTS	_____

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>HOW MANY?</u>	<u>PTS.</u>
PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS (SEPT-APRIL)	_____ X	10 PTS = _____
PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS (MAY-AUGUST)	_____ X	5 PTS = _____
NON-TL SUMMER BAND/GUARD CAMPS	_____ X	5 PTS = _____
<u>DISTRICT SOLO AND ENSEMBLE</u>		
SOLO, GROUP I (GOLD RATING)	_____ X	5 PTS = _____
SOLO, GROUP II OR III (GOLD RATING)	_____ X	3 PTS = _____
SOLO, GROUP II or III (SILVER OR BRONZE RATING)	_____ X	2 PTS = _____
ENSEMBLE, GROUP I (GOLD RATING)	_____ X	5 PTS = _____
ENSEMBLE, GR. II OR III (GOLD RATING)	_____ X	3 PTS = _____
ENSEMBLE, GR. II or III (SILVER OR BRONZE RATING)	_____ X	2 PTS = _____
<u>STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE</u>		
SOLO, (GOLD RATING)	_____ X	8 PTS = _____
SOLO, (SILVER OR BRONZE RATING)	_____ X	5 PTS = _____
ENSEMBLE, (GOLD RATING)	_____ X	8 PTS = _____
ENSEMBLE, (SILVER OR BRONZE RATING)	_____ X	5 PTS = _____

TOTAL POINTS = _____