

RONAN BAND MANUAL

Symphonic Band Class Description:

This is an instrumental study of symphonic and concert band music. Throughout the year we will be studying articulation, notation, scales, styles, rhythm, technique, and the art of ensemble as they pertain to symphonic style. Pep band music will be rehearsed from time to time as we prepare for performances.

Jazz Band Class Description:

Jazz Band is an instrumental study of the American art form known as Jazz. Throughout the year we will use musical concepts and skills as they pertain to Jazz. In addition, we will also study symphonic music, ie. the above class description.

Percussion Ensemble:

Percussionist will learn music for symphonic and pep band. They will also learn technique for all the percussion instruments. This group will also learn to play music particular to them.

GRADING SCALE:

90-100	A	Excellent, does work well beyond requirement. Outstanding knowledge of band and music, attends all band concerts, MUST perform at least 2 extra duties listed below.
80-89	B	Above average does some extra work, working knowledge of band and music, attends all band concerts, and must perform 1 extra duty listed below.
70-79	C	Average, does only what is asked, Understands only the concepts being used, and attends some concerts.
60-69	D	Below average, hard to work with, Contributes only part of the time
0-59	F	Not succeeding in band, Is not putting forth any effort, will be on a plan of improvement.

+ or – will be given to students at the upper and lower levels in each of the ten point sections. Parents can see grades at Power School.

List of Extras to earn an A or B:

1. Pep Band (see pep band section)
2. Keep a daily practice journal for the quarter
3. Perform outside of band in a solo or ensemble in community or festival
Bring in something signed by an official
4. Write a critique on a concert attended.

Tardy: (Rehearsals and Performances) - 1 point per tardy
- After 3 tardies in one quarter student will serve an after school detention.

Unexcused Absence: - 0 for daily points can be made up with practice time.

Attendance at every rehearsal is very important. **There will be at least one after school rehearsal before each concert.** All band members are expected to attend. Music Night is Mondays at 7:00, keep this time open for rehearsals.

CLASS RULES

1. Follow directions the first time and work hard.
2. Be set-up and warmed-up (instrument, music and pencil) 5 minutes into class.
3. NO drinks or food during class.
4. Put instruments and music in their appropriate places
5. Listen, follow cut-offs and preps, be prepared to become a good musician.
6. Be quiet while conductor is on the podium.

CONSEQUENCES

1. Prompt
2. Refocus
3. Call to parent
4. Meet with principal and possible removal from class

I will try to keep parents informed of any continuous problems as well as student success stories.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

1. Active Participation in class with proper equipment: instrument, music, pencil, set-up on time. School and excused absences will not count against your participation grade. However, unexcused absences will count as a zero. *10 pts possible every day*
Practice time of at least 30 minutes is strongly suggested. This will be kept on the Practice Journal. It will be turned in at the end of each quarter, see calendar for due date and counted as one of the extra assignments. *25 pts possible*
2. Performances are mandatory; please look at the performance calendar to avoid conflicts. In, extreme circumstances, **student must notify teacher before absence, if possible.** A make-up assignment will be issued and it will be due two weeks from date of the missed performance.
676 – 3390 ext. 3524, 546-3806 or alicia.lipscomb@ronank12.edu
Students must be on time, dressed appropriately, and help where assigned. *50 pts possible*
3. Quizzes and tests, written and playing, students will be expected to strive for excellence. These may be given on Smart Music. *Pts will be decided.*
4. Semester Exams, may be performance and or written exams given during finals week.
5. Pep Band, will count as one of the extra assignments during first and second quarters.

CONCERT DATES:

Sept 25	Homecoming assembly, parade, FB & VB Games (ALL)
Nov.3	All – Band Fall Concert*
Dec. 15	Christmas Concert*
March 23	HS Band Concert*
April 9	Jazz Band Dance
April 16-17	District Music Festival
March 30 - 2	??? Band Tour All Band Year
April30-1	State Music Festival -solos and ensembles
May 6-9	Cabaret - Jazz Band Only
May 30	Graduation
June 1-4	Finals Week Solos and Ensembles

*Concerts in Ronan will be held in the Performing Arts Center at 7:00 unless you are advised differently.

**Boys will wear black pants with a white shirt and tux jacket for concerts. Tux jackets are supplied by the school. Students should also have black shoes and socks. If this is a problem please let me know. We have some black pants at school. Girls not in Jazz Band will wear Concert Dresses with black shoes.

***If your student will not be able to make it to a concert please follow #2. listed on page 3.

Practice Journal Due Dates:

Nov. 4	First Quarter
Jan. 21	Second Quarter
Mar. 25	Third Quarter
June 1	Fourth Quarter

PEP BAND

Pep band is open to all band students' grades 9-12. The pep band will play at 16 home games plus tournaments. This group is very visible in our community and commitment to quality is a must. Benefits of participation include: travel to tournaments, pep band letter, credit towards an A in Jazz or Symphonic Band, opportunity to play rock music, teamwork, free T-shirt.

Expectations for Pep Band Letter and to qualify for trips:

1. Attendance at all performances. 2 excused absences are allowed all year. If you are participating in another activity during the pep band performance you will be excused. You must however let the attendance secretary know ahead of time.
2. Be on time for all games and rehearsals.
3. Homecoming pep assembly, parade, and games are mandatory.
4. Members are responsible for their own music. There is a \$1.00 return charge and \$.25 per lost piece of music.
5. **Members must have an RHS activity card. \$25.00**
6. Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
7. Stay in band area and be ready to play during games; pre-game and ½ time at football, pregame only at volleyball, pregame and ½ time of Bball.
8. Wear New Band Shirts to all pep band performances. Shirts cost \$7.50.
9. Be academically eligible, see Activities Handbook.

Pep Band Calendar:

Fall Season

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Appr. Set-up Time</i>
<i>09-4</i>	<i>FB</i>	<i>FB – in band room at 6:00</i>
<i>09-17</i>	<i>VB</i>	<i>VB - ???</i>
<i>09-25</i>	<i>Assembly</i>	
<i>09-25</i>	<i>PARADE</i>	
<i>09-25</i>	<i>FB</i>	
<i>09-26</i>	<i>VB</i>	
<i>10-16</i>	<i>FB</i>	
<i>10-29</i>	<i>VB</i>	

Winter Season

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Appr. Set-up Time</i>
<i>01-05</i>	<i>BBB-GBB</i>	<i>watch the board for times</i>
<i>01-15</i>	<i>BBB ???</i>	
<i>01-23</i>	<i>BBB-GBB</i>	
<i>01-26</i>	<i>GBB</i>	
<i>01-28</i>	<i>BBB</i>	
<i>02-06</i>	<i>BBB</i>	
<i>02-12</i>	<i>GBB ???</i>	
<i>02-13</i>	<i>BBB</i>	
<i>02-25,26,27</i>	<i>DIVISIONALS KALISPELL</i>	
<i>03-4,5,6</i>	<i>BBB STATE BUTTE</i>	
<i>03-11,12,13,</i>	<i>GBB STATE HAMILTON</i>	

During travel to tournaments students are to travel to the event on the bus. Students may leave with parent only if the parent signs out on permission form at the event. Students must fill out an alternate travel form 48 hrs. before to leaving the on trip. If the band is gone over the span of two meals, food will be provided.

Travel

ALL Bands will be touring this year and Pep Band will possibly be traveling to Divisional and State Tournaments. The following are student expectations to be invited to travel with the Ronan Bands:

1. Excellent behavior and attitude in class.
2. Be academically eligible.
3. Wear the appropriate uniform.
4. Participate in Homecoming.
5. Participate in Fundraising*.
6. Be present at extra rehearsals.
7. Follow school rules while in attendance at school functions.
8. Be a great representative.
9. Be responsible for your own music and instrument!!!!
10. Enjoy your time as a RHS Band member through excellence.

***Students are responsible for fundraising to go on tour. A number of fundraisers will take place throughout the year. If you do not fundraise or do not fundraise enough money, you will be responsible to pay the difference. If you are not planning on going on tour, notice must be given before FEB. 27 or you will be responsible for paying as if you attend.**

Tour

The Ronan Bands are on an alternating year tour schedule. Jazz Band goes on tour during odd numbered years and Symphonic Band during even numbered years. 2008 – 2009 is an odd numbered year.

Tour Dates: March 30 – April 2

Tour Cost: \$250.00 appr.

Tour Destination: ??

Fundraisers

Fruit Sales

begin in OCT– end the FIRST week of December

Concessions

Students can earn Tour \$\$ by working shifts in the concessions stand at games. I am looking for a few parent volunteers also. Band will have specific games. See me to sign-up.

Jazz Band Dance

April 3

I will need a bunch of parents to help with this event.

If anyone has another idea please let me know I am also open to new things. I don't want to do much more because we are already very busy.

Fundraising \$\$ will carry over from one year to the next if there is any left. Any bills left will also carry over. There are a few people who still owe \$\$ for last year. You will not be traveling until the bill is taken care of.

There will be a number of times when I ask for parent help this year. Please be Flexible.

FUNDRAISER AND TOUR SIGN OFF PAGE:

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNDING MY TOUR THROUGH THE AVAILABLE FUNDRAISERS OR I WILL PAY THE DIFFERENCE BEFORE LEAVING ON TOUR.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY POSITION IN BAND IS UNREPLACEABLE. I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY CONTROL TO ATTEND TOUR. IF FOR SOME REASON I CAN NOT FULFILL THIS OBLIGATION I WILL LET MRS. LIPSCOMB BY THE END OF FEBRUARY.

X

STUDENT

X

PARENT

X

DATE

Reeds, oils, repairs, etc.

Reeds will be available for purchase. I prefer you get a reed card for \$10. and use it on reeds as you need them. Or you can purchase reeds one at a time before or after class. Please have correct change. Reeds are also available at the music stores listed below. Eckroth has a ½ price reed sale at the beginning of the year. You must bring your \$\$ before Sept. 8th. All reed players should have two working reeds in their case.

Other supplies may be ordered for delivery when the music store representative comes to school or purchased at the store.

If expense is an issue, please come and talk to me.

Percussionists will pay a equipment fee to help pay for concert sticks and upkeep on drum heads. Each percussionist needs to bring \$20. ASAP to the beginning of school. Each percussionist is responsible for his or her snare sticks.

If your child needs a reed to be able to play, **I will supply one, to be charged with the expectation it will be paid for the next day.** It is the child's responsibility to have all supplies needed for class. All charges need to be paid ASAP. If there are circumstances that make it impossible to pay please contact me. In the past I have taken instruments to the repair shop and students paid for their repairs through the school. This will no longer be an option. Students will be responsible for their own repairs. There is a possibility that the instruments can be picked up at the school. If your child has an outstanding band charge, he/she will not be allowed to go on any band trips until the bill is taken care of.

BAND ROOM

Reed Costs	economy	quality
Clarinet:	\$2.50	\$3.50
Alto Sax	\$3.00	\$4.00
Tenor Sax	\$4.00	\$5.00
Bari Sax	\$4.50	\$5.50
Oboe		\$10.75

½ price reed sale at the beginning of the year and in March through Eckroth Music.

Band Instrument Display night is Sept. 14. 4-7

Set-up instruments are available

Music Shops in our area:

Morgenroth's Music Center

1105 Sussex
Missoula, MT
549-0013

Eckroth Music

2855 N. 19th
Bozeman MT
1-800-580-8007

Please keep a copy of the band calendar handy so you know when upcoming events are happening.

If you have any questions about band this year, how I grade, my expectations or anything else please contact me.

The band room is located by the main entrance to the MS.

My phone numbers in the band room is 676 – 3390 ext. 3524 or call me at home 546 – 3806. Don't forget to stop by during PTC.

I try to stay in touch with parents through e-mail notices of fundraisers, concerts, and any other stuff that comes up. If you want to be on that list please write your e-mail address in the space provide.

I have read the Band Manual and I understand the class expectations as well as those for fundraising and pep band.

Parent's Signature

Student Signature

Date

I will send out reminders of what is going on. If you would like to receive these reminders and calendar updates please send me an email to alicia.lipscomb@ronank12.edu or write your email address below.

Student Email: _____

Parent Email: _____