

# GEORGETOWN



## Middle School

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Dear Parents and Band Students,

Welcome back! My name is Mr. Greene and I am the new Band Director at Georgetown Middle School. I am very excited to be working with you this year. The band program provides the opportunity for students to study advanced techniques and musical skills, experience different musical styles, and perform challenging musical literature. Discipline, dedication, respect, and professionalism will be encouraged in order to reach the highest degree of musical success. **Parents, please read, sign, and return to Mr. Greene by Wednesday September 6, 2017.** Parental support is highly encouraged. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

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**Classroom Expectations:** *Be Kind, Be In Your Place, Be Doing Your Job!*

### Rules:

- Come to class prepared with all materials
- Follow all directions
- Respect self, others, and materials
- Remain on task
- Speak or play when called to do so

### Consequences:

- Warning
- Timeout/Detention
- Call home
- Disciplinary Referral

### Procedures

- Enter the room quietly
- Get all of your materials (Instrument, Book, Sheet Music, Pencil, etc.)
- Sit in your seat
- Put your instrument together
- Follow instructions on Board

### Required Materials:

- Instrument
- Method Book
- 1 inch black binder
- Sheet Protectors
- Pencil
- Accessories (Reeds, Valve Oil, Neck Strap, Grease, Sticks/Mallets, etc.)

Students should have all materials every day to be fully prepared for class and receive rehearsal credit. Not having proper materials everyday will result in grade reductions.

### Grading Policy

All students will be required to bring instruments to band class EVERY DAY. In order to be successful on an instrument, students must practice daily for at least 20 to 30 minutes during after-school hours. Students will keep a daily practice log/chart, and parents will sign each day. Practice Logs are due on the last day of the chart. This necessary form will account for 10% of a student's grade. Students that do not practice but turn in a signed chart anyway, will struggle to reach their playing potential, so it is extremely important to put in the time at home!

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**The mission of Georgetown Middle School is to provide students with opportunities to become successful and responsible citizens in an ever changing society.**

*Grading Percentages:*

10% Practice Chart/Special Assignments

50% Class Participation/Classwork

40% Tests, Quizzes, or Concerts

**Concerts are REQUIRED.** All students will work to prepare a Winter Concert and a Spring Concert (at minimum).

**Concert Performance Attire**

White Dress Shirt, Black Dress Pants, Black Socks, Black Dress Shoes

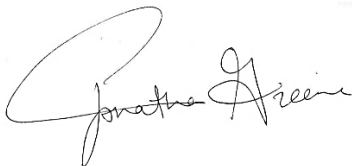
*\*All clothing must adhere to the Georgetown County School District Dress Code*

**Important dates:**

***\*Dates are tentative and will be added or changed as needed.***

- September 7: Beginning Band Instrument Night
- September 6-20: Krispy Kreme Fundraiser
- October 5<sup>th</sup>: Region Band Money Due
- October 11<sup>th</sup>: Krispy Kreme Delivered (we will be selling certificates only this year)
- November 3-17: Chocolate Fundraiser (chocolate cannot be sold during school hours)
- November 16<sup>th</sup>: Arts Gala
- December 14<sup>th</sup>: **Winter Concert**
- January 20: Region Band Auditions (At West Florence High School)
- January 27: All-State Band Call-Back Audition (At Lexington High School)
- February 23-24: Region Band Clinic Weekend (At Cane Bay High School)
- February: All-County TBA
- March 2-16: Chocolate Sale
- March 16-18: All-State Band Clinic Weekend (Furman University - Greenville, SC)
- March 29: (Tentative) Concert Performance Assessment
- April TBA: Solo and Ensemble
- April 26<sup>th</sup>: **Spring Concert**

I look forward to an enjoyable and music-filled year with you!



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My signature below denotes having read and understand all expectations stated in this letter.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date