

Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School Band Classes Information

8th Grade Bands, 9th Grade Band & Wind Symphony

*“Move beyond the notes to cultivate a lifelong **passion** and drive for **creativity, curiosity, and community** through a vision of students as accomplished **learners** and evolving **musicians** in pursuit of **artistry**”*

All Concert Bands Participate in the Following Events

Four Band Concerts (*these dates currently tentative for next year until music schedule is finalized*)

- Fall Concert @ Upper Middle School – October 23
- Holiday Concert @ High School –December 17 (8th Grade Bands @ 6:30, 9th Grade & Wind Symphony @ 8:00)
- Mid-Winter Concert @ Upper Middle School – March 7
- Spring Concert @ Upper Middle School – May 22

Solo Night or Solo/Ensemble

- February 7 is solo night and February 9 is Solo/Ensemble

Band-O-Rama – tentative date is April 8

Band Co-Curricular Activities

Participation in Concert Band allows students to also participate in Jazz Ensembles and the Sound of Sun Prairie Summer Marching Band

Specific Band Information

In addition to the above events each specific band also participates in the following.

Eighth Grade Bands:

There are two eighth grade bands at Cardinal Heights. These bands are for any eighth grade students interested in studying music on wind or percussion instruments (*no auditions required for eighth grade bands*).

- Prepares and participates in the Kalahari band festival

Ninth Grade Band:

This band is for any ninth grade students interested in studying music on wind or percussion instruments (no audition for Ninth Grade Band).

- Fall band clinic/lock-in
- Spring Tour – This is a field trip to hear professional ensembles, perform exchange concerts, and work with clinicians. The tour date is in late February/early March.

Wind Symphony

This band is open to both eighth and ninth grade students by audition. The band is for highly proficient and motivated students who are interested in accelerated music study on wind or percussion instruments.

- Fall “Band Camp” before school begins
- Fall band clinic/lock-in
- Spring Tour – This is a field trip to hear professional ensembles, perform exchange concerts, and work with clinicians. The tour date is in late February/early March.
- This band is eligible for special invitations or other performance opportunities that may occur after the school year starts (i.e. National Band Association-Wisconsin Chapter Convention or Wisconsin Music Educators Association Convention). Any specific information will be sent to parents/guardians as soon as possible.
- A tentative schedule of Wind Symphony activities is attached. Please review this schedule for Wind Symphony commitments and contact Mr. Mesner with any questions

The Audition information for the Wind Symphony is listed on the third page!

What a typical band student schedule looks like at Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School:

Cardinal Heights is currently working on a new block schedule for next year. The schedules below reflect the current schedule plan which would include space for core classes and two electives in 8th grade, core classes and three and a half elective classes (seven semesters) in 9th grade, and a daily resource period (resource period is a time for lessons, getting help from other teachers, school wide initiatives/activities and interventions).

8th Grade (two elective classes)		9th Grade (3.5 elective classes)	
1	<i>Algebra</i> (everyday)	1	<i>Algebra or Geometry</i> (alternating days)
2	<i>Humanities Class</i> (English and Social Studies combined into one class - everyday)	2	<i>English 9 or Honors English</i> (alternating days)
3	<i>Science</i> (alternating days)	3	<i>Social Studies:</i> World History, Honors World History or AP Human Geography (alternating days)
4	<i>Physical Education/Health</i> (alternating days)	4	<i>Biology</i> (alternating days)
5	Elective: 8th Grade Band or Wind Symphony	5	<i>Physical Education</i> (alternating days for one semester, an elective class can be taken during the opposite semester)
6	Elective: World Language, Art, Agriscience, Business/Marketing, FACE, Choir/Orchestra/Digital Music, Technology/Engineering	6	Elective: 9th Grade Band or Wind Symphony
	<i>Resource Period</i> (everyday)	7	Elective: World Language, Art, Agriscience, Business/Marketing, FACE, Choir/Orchestra/Digital Music, Technology/Engineering, Study Hall
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		<i>Resource Period</i> (everyday)	

A typical band student schedule in 8th grade includes:

- Band as one elective course
- Another full year elective class or two semester length elective classes

A typical band student schedule in 9th grade includes:

- Band as one elective course
- One semester elective class (opposite Physical Education)
- Two full year elective classes or one full year elective class and two semester classes or four semester elective classes

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Wind Symphony Auditions

If you are interested in auditioning for the Wind Symphony please follow the directions below.

1. During registration enroll for either Eighth Grade Band or Ninth Grade Band (whichever grade you will be entering in the fall). If you audition into the Wind Symphony the band teachers will work with student services to move you into the Wind Symphony.
2. Prepare the audition materials for your instrument as listed below.

Audition Requirements for *Wind* Players

1. Play concert G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, & Gb major scales ascending (played up the scale but not down) from memory - Musician's may earn additional credit for performing multiple octaves of any scale
2. Play a chromatic scale from the musician's lowest possible note to the highest possible note from memory
3. Section of a solo of the musician's choice
4. Short sight-reading exercise

Audition Requirements for *Percussion* Players

1. Play concert G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, & Gb major scales ascending (played up the scale but not down) from memory
2. Snare drum etude on the percussion audition sheet (see your band director for the sheet)**
3. Timpani etude on the percussion audition sheet (see your band director for the sheet)**
4. Mallet etude on the percussion audition sheet (see your band director for the sheet)**
5. Short sight-reading exercise on snare drum and mallets

**Percussionists may substitute a solo from solo/ensemble for the corresponding audition etude. For example, a snare drum solo may be performed in place of the snare drum audition etude.

What are we looking for in the Auditions?

- Tone
- Good Posture
- Consistent Tempo
- Accurate Rhythms
- Phrasing
- Dynamics
- Preparedness
- Organization
- Musicality
- Great Attitudes

Audition dates are March 9, 12, 13, 14

If you have any questions or would like help preparing for your audition,
Please contact your band director listed below. Thank you!

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Cardinal Heights Wind Symphony Schedule 2018/2019

-Tentative Schedule-

August 20-23	Wind Symphony Camp - rehearsal/sectionals/team building 1:00-5:00 during these dates. We focus on setting a course for the year, working together, and developing a sense of ensembleship. We begin building our band and having fun making music.
October 19/20	Lock-in rehearsal and overnight – 3:30p.m.-8:00 a.m.
October 23	Band Concert, Wind Symphony performs 8:00 (students arrive by 7:30)
Dec. 17	Band Concert, Wind Symphony performs 8:00 (students arrive by 7:30)
February 7 or 9	Solo Night or Solo/Ensemble
Feb. 27 & March 1	Performance Tour
March 7	Band Concert, Wind Symphony performs 8:00 (students arrive by 7:30)
April 8	Band-O-Rama 7:00 (students arrive 6:30)
May 22	Band Concert, Wind Symphony performs 8:00 (students arrive by 7:30)

The dates may shift slightly (the music department meets in April to coordinate performance dates for next year). We ask that students make a commitment to be in attendance for all performances. **Additions may be made to the performance schedule in the event of an invitation to perform in a music conference or festival. This information will be distributed to students and parents as soon as the invitation is extended.**

The dates that are not in bold are tentative rehearsals or clinic dates. We ask that students do their very best in working out conflicts with these dates. We have found the best way to make conflicts work is through early communication and cooperative creativity.