

H.I.S. Homeschool Band



Hands on Instruments Serving



Raising up a generation of Musicians to serve HIM!

FALL 2017 MEMBER HANDBOOK

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“Whatever you do, work at it with all
your heart, as working for the Lord”
Colossians 3:23

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WELCOME!

Welcome to H.I.S. Homeschool Band! As a member, you have a unique opportunity to be part of something special that God has created and continues to shape. You will be offered many opportunities unlike anything you have experienced before. You will be challenged to grow the talents God has blessed you with and use them for His Glory. You will make friends that will last a lifetime and create memories that will be with you forever.

MISSION STATEMENT

H.I.S. Homeschool Band's mission is to provide homeschooled students of Western North Carolina ages 8+ the opportunity to learn to play a concert band instrument with special focus on bringing Praise, Honor, and Glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by serving others in our community with those talents.

PURPOSE OF THIS HANDBOOK

H.I.S. Homeschool Band has grown to a size that necessitates the need for a handbook. The purpose of this handbook is to provide information to ALL members and families of H.I.S. Homeschool Band. Please be sure to read through all parts of this handbook. It is impossible to anticipate or address every situation, so if you have questions, please ask.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Due to limited contact hours, each of the approximately 15 semester rehearsals are of extreme importance.

If student will be absent or tardy text Christy at 828-775-5052 who will determine if excused or unexcused.

ABSENCES:

- Students with three absences without valid excuses (illness, death in family, etc) will not be allowed to perform on the semester concert

TARDIES—Students will be considered tardy if they are not in the band room with their instrument and music ready to begin rehearsal at their designated rehearsal time.

- Two unexcused tardies will be considered one unexcused absence
- Students with four tardies (total excused and unexcused) will only be allowed to perform on semester concert with director's approval.

BEGINNER BAND CAMP ATTENDANCE

Beginner band camp dates are available to all prospective students prior to registration. Beginner Band Students are required to attend all 8 hours of beginner band camp in order to participate in beginner band unless other arrangements are made with the director in advance.

Directors reserve the right to make exceptions to these policies based on individual circumstances.

WEATHER POLICY

H.I.S. Homeschool Band will follow Buncombe County Schools in regards to weather delays and closings. Directors will make a decision by **11am** and send all announcements out via email and/or text message. It is the responsibility of the band member/family to check for cancellations.

SCHEDULE

H.I.S. Homeschool Band's schedule including all rehearsals, performances, and reward dates can be found on the schedule tab of www.hishomeschoolband.com.

Unscheduled opportunities to perform and support our community may arise throughout the year. Such events often arise on short notice and all students should make every effort to participate as opportunities arise.

REGISTRATION

Returning member registration is held in April for the following school year. Half the annual tuition is due upon registration with the balance due in November.

New student registration will be held at different times between April and July with half the annual tuition due at registration and the balance due in November.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.

CONDUCT

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Students are expected to:

- participate with a positive attitude
- be respectful toward everyone
- follow class rules
- properly care for all instruments and facilities

OUTREACH PERFORMANCES

When performing at outreach performances members are representatives of not only H.I.S. Homeschool Band, but most importantly representatives of Christ and are expected to conduct themselves as such.

PERFORMANCE

& REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE

- All performances are required and attendance is mandatory
- Arrive 10-15 minutes early to all rehearsals
- Follow Classroom Rules
- Students are expected to stay for the entire concert/performance to show support to all students and performing groups
- Absolutely NO talking during performances
- Absolutely NO disruptive behavior
- NO food, drinks, or gum in performance area
- NO electronic devices in rehearsal/performance area

CLASSROOM RULES

- Attend all rehearsals
- Be on time
- Participate in a positive manner
- Be prepared (including working instrument, oil/reeds/neck strap/sticks/etc., music, theory book, PENCIL)
- Keep facilities clean
- Be respectful
- Use clean speech
- No food or drinks (water bottles okay)
- No gum
- NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES
- No talking

DISCIPLINE

Behavior that interrupts rehearsals or performances will be handled in the following manner:

1st-Verbal warning

2nd-Director will document and discuss with parent

3rd-Student may be dismissed from band at Director's discretion

MUSIC

Music Theory Book

Each Beginner and Intermediate student is required to own a copy of Accent on Achievement Book 1 for their instrument and bring it to **every rehearsal**. Each Advanced student is required to own a copy of Accent on Achievement Book 2 for their instrument and bring it to **every rehearsal**.

Sheet Music

Students may be given sheet music to be rehearsed and performed. Students will be provided with a folder to keep their music. Sheet music should be brought to **every rehearsal**. A charge of \$1 per title will be charged to replace lost sheet music.

REQUIRED AT-HOME PRACTICE

With only one contact hour per week with each group, at-home practice is critical to the success of both the student and the group as a whole. Students should commit to practicing the minimum practice time expected for their group each week. In addition to mastering the semester's music, this will build endurance and move the student toward mastering their instrument.

The Director reserves the right to dismiss a student if the student displays a repeated pattern of not practicing at home.

PRACTICE LOGS

Practice Logs will be provided the first rehearsal of each semester. Students are required to record at home practice times on practice logs and have a parent/guardian sign confirming their recorded practice times.

Logs are to be turned in weekly to be recorded toward semester practice goals.

All at-home practice the student does on their band instrument counts towards their practice time—not just band music. If student is unable to actually play (ie orthodontic adjustments), time “fingering through” counts. Band rehearsals cannot be included in the AT-HOME practice times.

Please ask if you need help understanding how to fill out the log or calculate your practice times.

SEMESTER PRACTICE REWARD

Each semester a reward event will be held for qualifying students. Examples of reward events held include campfires, ice cream socials, water day, movie night, game night, and skate night.

At the end of each semester the Director will invite those students who qualified to attend the reward event.

ONLY students who record their at home practice times, have their parents/guardians sign, **AND** turn those logs in weekly will be allowed to attend.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

ATTIRE

As representatives of Christ, our clothing should be modest and reflective of our faith.

NO:

- Tank tops/halter tops/spaghetti straps
- Midriff revealing shirts
- Tight shirts
- "Muscle shirts"
- Clothing/jewelry/accessories with inappropriate messages or images

MUSTS:

- Modest necklines; fingertip length shorts/skirts/dresses

CONCERT BLACK ATTIRE

Performance attire should be uniform and professional to not draw attention to any individuals. Adhere to normal attire guidelines and **NO** accessories that draw attention.

Gentlemen

White Dress Shirt
Black Dress Pants
Black Socks & Dress Shoes
Tie Optional

Ladies

White Top and Black Skirt or Black Dress Pants OR
Black Dress
Black Dress Shoes

SKIRTS/DRESSES MUST FALL BELOW KNEES WHEN SEATED!

INSTRUMENTS

Students are expected to provide their own instruments. Whether you own your personal instrument, have a store rental, or have a borrowed instrument you must:

- Treat every instrument with respect
- Properly put away your instrument
- Properly maintain your instrument (cleaned/oiled/etc.)
- Provide your own mouthpiece/neck strap/oil/reeds/etc.

NEVER LEAVE AN INSTRUMENT IN A LOCATION THAT EXPERIENCES EXTREME TEMPERATURES (hot/cold vehicle, beside a fireplace/heat vent/air conditioning, etc.) Extreme temperatures can damage instruments.

If you borrow an instrument owned by the Director/Group while your instrument is being repaired:

- You must sign an agreement making you responsible for the instrument
- Instruments must be returned in proper working order—you are responsible for paying for repairs beyond normal wear and tear
- Notify a band director immediately if there is a problem with the instrument
- **DO NOT** try to fix the instrument yourself: if you make the problem worse, you will be responsible for paying for the repair

Any abuse or mistreatment of any instrument will result in a financial reimbursement for any damage caused and in extreme cases the student may be dismissed from the program.

REHEARSAL FACILITIES

North Point Baptist Church supports this ministry by allowing us to use their facilities at no charge.

ALL FACILITIES MUST BE RESPECTED!!!

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES!

BAND ROOM

The band room is located in the modular closest to CVS. MUSIC STANDS AND EQUIPMENT ARE EXPENSIVE. Students are expected to treat the facility with respect and help set up the band room before and tear down following band.

YOUTH BUILDING (252 BLDG)

The Youth Building (252 Modular) is closest to Ollie Weaver Road. The Youth Building will normally be open for band families to use during band rehearsals. **This is a privilege and will only be continued if parents CLOSELY supervise their children and if the facility is respected and thoroughly cleaned following every use.**

CHURCH SANCTUARY (last 2 rehearsals/semester)

The last two rehearsals will be held in the church sanctuary. Families entering the church building will be expected to be respectful, supervise their children, and the **families MUST clean up after themselves or the doors will be locked during future rehearsals.**

ENSEMBLES

H.I.S. Homeschool Band currently offers 3 levels of ensembles:

- BEGINNER BAND
- INTERMEDIATE BAND
- ADVANCED BAND

Students may only perform on different instruments with Director approval. Students may only perform in more than one ensemble with Director approval and will be charged a reduced rate for the second ensemble.

Students are strongly encouraged to use their God-give talents outside of class. (Performing both individually and with other ensembles, for family, at church/nursing homes, etc.)

FUNDRAISING

A Love Offering is taken up at each of the two semester concerts and various fundraising events will be held throughout the year. All funds raised go to benefit the Band as a whole. Examples of purchases made using these funds include:

- Sheet music
- Music Stands
- Instruments

Donations are appreciated and can be made by check to North Point Baptist Church with "HOMESCHOOL BAND" on the memo line.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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The Directors reserve the right to amend this handbook
and the policies within as needed.

SIGNATURE PAGE

I have read and understand the policies in the Fall 2017 H.I.S. Homeschool Band Handbook and agree to abide by them.

I agree to be solely responsible for my child and family and understand that H.I.S. Homeschool Band, the Directors, and North Point Baptist Church will not be held responsible for any accidents or injuries involving my child(ren) which may occur during Homeschool Band activities.

Band Student(s):

Student(s) Signature:

Parent Printed Name:

Parent Signature:

Date:
