



Beginning Band  
Concert Bands  
Symphonic Band  
Jazz Ensemble

## Instrumental Music

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Dear KGMS Band Family,

Let us first take this opportunity to welcome you all to the King George Middle School Band Program. We hope you all are as excited as we are to kick off the 2025-2026 school year. We are looking forward to meeting and working with all of your students as we continue to strive for excellence within the program. Here at the middle school we have a long-standing tradition of high-quality musical students. We are confident that your students will enjoy themselves and this year will bring many outstanding performances from the Instrumental Music department at King George Middle School.

This year, new students to the KGMS band program will need to purchase a KGMS Band Polo Shirt from the band department that will serve as your concert attire. Cash or checks are accepted, please make all checks out to "KGMS". A form will go out to the students very soon which will be used to collect sizes and other information. Please wait until that form has been provided to send in any payment.

Band Polo - \$20.00  
(same price as last year)

Students will also be expected to purchase their own composition notebook for band class. The students will be using these to keep weekly listening journals. Students who already own a KGMS Band shirt or listening journal are not required to purchase another one this year unless they wish to do so. Shirts of elder siblings may be used, so long as they fit, and match the current style of shirt that we use (see Mr. Cheatham for a model).

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have. We look forward to a fun and very successful year!

Musically yours,

Kevin Cheatham

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# KGMS BAND INFO

## Frequently asked questions:

- Who is my teacher?
  - Great news! We have 3 band directors sharing their time with our Beginning Band, Band 6, and Band 7 classes. The teachers are Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Clark, and Mr. Cheatham.
- Conner and Clark are easy but how on Earth do I pronounce Cheatham????
  - Cheat-um
- When does my class meet?
  - 1<sup>st</sup> period – Band 6: 7:35-8:30
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> period – Beginning Band: 8:37-9:26 (this is a mixed grade level class, so the times are weird)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> period – Band 7: 10:56:40-12:29:20 (Lunch 11:30-11:55)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> period – Symphonic Band: 12:34-1:27:40
  - 6<sup>th</sup> period – Jazz Ensemble: 1:30-2:25
- Do I need my instrument on the first day of class?
  - No, we won't start playing until Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>
- What do I need for this class?
  - A SOLID BLACK 1-inch 3-ring binder with 20 sheet protectors. This will serve as your folder for all of your band music. It is important that the binders look the same, since we will be on stage with them.
  - A composition notebook (design doesn't matter)
  - An instrument, either your own or a school-rented one. Forms and information will be going out about rentals once school begins. If you are in Beginning Band, we will be going over this more in the first weeks of school.
  - A pencil (EVERY DAY)
  - A can-do and enthusiastic attitude!!! ☺
- How can I be successful in this class?
  - Just like any other subject, the secret is PRACTICE!!!! You will get extensive practice and work in the classroom, but in order to truly be successful, you will need to practice at home at least 20 minutes a day. That sounds like a lot, but if you watch an hour of TV, and only practice during the commercials, that equals about 20 minutes!
- Is mayonnaise an instrument?
  - No, Patrick. Mayonnaise is not an instrument.  
Horseradish is not an instrument either.
- When will we perform?
  - Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – Concert 7p – KGMS Auditorium
  - Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Concert 7p – **KGHS** Auditorium (Symphonic Band only – this date is tentative)
  - Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Concert 7p – KGMS Auditorium
  - *A full list of other required dates will be given to students in their syllabus document in the first full week of school.*

