

2018-2019 Edition

**Avon Lake High School
Instrumental Music Department**



Band Handbook

Pride Motivates All to Achieve Excellence



AVON LAKE BAND

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A Message from the Director

Welcome to the Avon Lake Bands! This handbook is provided for you so that we all fully understand our responsibilities as a part of the Symphonic, Concert, Pep, Marching, and Jazz Bands. The keys to our success are discipline, pride, respect, responsibility, reliability, and good communications.

Our guidelines are strictly but fairly enforced. There must be a common understanding among our parents, students, and teachers that if a student is to be a part of this volunteer program, the student must abide by the policies in this handbook.

You join band through your own desire to do so, but once you do, you are obliged to attend and participate according to established guidelines for success.

Incoming freshmen are required to participate in marching band for one season. In this way, freshmen will learn what marching band is all about on a “firsthand” basis and will receive valuable instruction at the summer rehearsals. Based upon our current schedule, nearly all of our freshmen will be able to participate in marching band.

Participation in the band program requires each member to make a commitment to the organization to be in attendance at all times. It is a big commitment, but it is essential to the success of the band.

Parent support is much encouraged and appreciated by our students. Please attend as many performances and other events as you can and be sure to join our Band Aids. Let's continue to work together for the improvement of our bands and to build upon our tradition of excellence!

David Eddleman,

Director

You are joining an award winning music department. Since 2005, our bands have qualified twenty-seven times for OMEA state finals!

The Importance of a Winning Attitude

The greatest single factor that separates the winners from all of the others in the world is ATTITUDE. The desire to be the best at anything you do must come from within. Each individual must *want* to be the best in order for the organization to be the best. Only you are the one who can make you be the best at what you do. The rest of us can only help you.

The Importance of Discipline

Members of our bands are constantly being observed by the public in rehearsals, performances, traveling, and at almost any other time. Band members should always strive to be recognized as first class. Poor behavior reflects negatively on you, on your parents, the rest of the band, our school, and our community.

As role models, band members must act more maturely and more responsibly than others.

Band Officers

A President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment Manager, Librarians, and a Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman Representative are elected each school year. Drum Majors, Field Commanders, Majorette Reps, and Guard Reps audition for their positions and are included as officers.

Band Awards and Recognition

A banquet (reception) is held every year in May to recognize our students and their families for their musical service and achievements. Each student is recognized with service awards and several students are recognized for outstanding achievements, including:

Semper Fidelis Award (Junior)

John Philip Sousa Award

Director's Award

Jazz Award

Marching Band Award

Outstanding Music Citizen

Jimmy Smith Herald Trumpet Award (Junior)

Band Policies

Band Code Of Conduct

1. Band members conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen.
2. Band members exhibit good sportsmanship and friendly conduct, win or lose.
3. Band members display professional behavior while performing, rehearsing, and traveling.
4. Band members treat uniforms with care and respect.
5. Band members handle and play only their own instruments.
6. Band members respect the reasonable requests of all adults at all times.
7. Band members organize and use teamwork when there is work to be done.
8. Band members remain seated while traveling until instructions have been given.
9. Band members make a commitment to excellence.

Communications

A newsletter is published three to four times each school year with information regarding rehearsal and performance dates, fund raising projects, and any other topics of special interest to our parents and students. A calendar is printed at the beginning of each school year with all important dates for band members for the entire school year.

During each week of school, important upcoming information is shown on the screen or bulletin board as a reminder for students. Updates are published on the ALHS Band Member Facebook page. Parents with questions or concerns should call (440) 933-6290 (ext. 1503) to leave a message for the band director. You may also email the director at:

David.Eddleman@avonlakecityschools.org

Online Communications

1. The **AVON LAKE BAND** web site is your **FIRST** place to go for our Google Calendar, schedules, documents, forms, and overall useful information. It is updated regularly and is your first source for information. It also has links to the Avon Lake City Schools web site and to social media sites.

<http://www.avonlakeband.weebly.com>

2. If you want a reminder for an event, usually within 24 hours of the event, sign up to receive **text reminders**:

Text to this number: 81010
Text this message: @alband

3. Social media sites:

ALHS Band Member Facebook Page: This is a closed group for band members and band parents where you can get questions answered and receive important messages and updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/almarchingshoremen/>

AVON LAKE BAND Public Facebook Page: This site is for our fans! Please go to this site and LIKE it! We share upcoming events and accomplishments. This is not a question and answer page. Use the above closed group Facebook page for questions, comments, etc. about band events and activities.

<http://www.facebook.com/AvonLakeBand>

We have **Twitter** and **Instagram** accounts that you can find by searching for AVON LAKE BAND.

SHOREMEN BRASS CLASSIC web site and Facebook page: This is where you will find information about our annual Drum Corps International (DCI) event held each summer at the end of July or beginning of August. This is *Marching Music's Major League*. The event is a huge community event held in our HS football stadium, attracting fans from miles around, and a big fund-raising project for our band.

<http://www.shoremenbrassclassic.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Shoremen-Brass-Classic/306420979438278?fref=ts>

Attendance

Band members must attend all rehearsals and performances. A schedule is published at the beginning of each school year so that you are aware of your commitments. Anyone who has ever participated in a large group activity is aware of the reasons why attendance is so important. Your attendance affects not only yourself but all of the others. To maintain excellence, and to ensure a worthwhile and rewarding educational experience for all, an attendance policy has been established.

When you commit to being a member of the band, it is your responsibility to talk to all of the adults who direct activities in which you participate. They must know your schedule in order to help you avoid conflicts.

As we all know, there may be a time when you must be absent. If this occurs, notify the director in advance in order to be excused. **Because you have provided a note in advance does not excuse you from a rehearsal or performance.** Examples of excused absences include illness, an accident or emergency, or death in your family. Some examples of unexcused absences include babysitting, working, attending another activity or function where you are not a participant, or going to a social function such as a party.

A note to seniors: Choosing a college is a very important decision. However, we must ask you to avoid planning a college visit when you know it will conflict with a band performance. We value your experience and leadership and need you to serve as positive role models for the other members.

Your good attendance is as critical for outstanding performances for you as it is for all of the other members of our band. Absences from rehearsals or performances may result in the loss of certain privileges as a member of one of our bands.

School

Band members are obliged to follow school rules and regulations at all times, including while traveling with the band. Use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drugs is prohibited. Any violations of school rules must be reported to the high school principal(s). Any violation of civil law will be reported to the appropriate authorities. Inappropriate behavior can result in a student not being permitted to continue to participate in band.

Rehearsals

No band performs better than its best rehearsal. Outstanding bands that have developed a winning attitude, along with strong discipline, approach each rehearsal as though it were a performance. Some keys to a successful rehearsal:

- **Promptness** To be on time is to be late, to be early is to be on time.
- **Attitude** Clear your mind of other thoughts and start each rehearsal with a positive attitude and all items that you need.
- **Music Room** Gum, candy, soft drinks, and snack foods are not to be brought into the music room. Food may be permitted only when allowed by the band director.

- **Etiquette** When the director is on the podium there is no talking. Play and handle your instrument only. Treat all others with respect to receive the same from them.
- **Listening** Good musicians develop their listening skills for intonation, styling, articulation, length of notes and rests, dynamics, and numerous other musical reasons. Instructions given to one section will often apply to your section. Good musicians see and hear these things without waiting to be corrected.
- **Distractions** Distractions interrupt concentration and can cause the intensity of a good rehearsal to be lost. Stay focused on the task at hand so that rehearsals can be run efficiently and desired goals can be met.

Courses with Prerequisites:

Jazz Ensemble Students who audition and are accepted in Jazz Ensemble must also participate in Symphonic or Concert Band (Exceptions: piano, bass, and guitar).

Symphonic Band An audition and selection is required for participation in the Symphonic Band. A freshman selected for Symphonic Band must also participate in the Marching Band. Students must audition each year for Symphonic Band.

(Prerequisites can sometimes change, so stay alert for any updates.)

General Information

1. Ask for permission to enter the band office and to use the office telephone.
2. You may borrow equipment and/or supplies from the music office with permission from one of the directors. Promptly return what you have borrowed!
3. After rehearsals and performances, leave the band room looking neat and organized. You can assist with this process by keeping your instrument in a locked locker. You may keep shoes, water bottle, and drill books in your locker if there is room.
4. All drums will be returned to lockers after rehearsals and performances and lockers will be locked. Assist with putting your drum stand in the proper storage location.
5. All percussionists are responsible for putting away all instruments, sticks, mallets, etc. and covering up all of the mallet instruments and the timpani.
6. Music folders are to be kept in the folder slots (not in lockers).
7. Gum, candy, food, or beverages are not permitted in the band room or practice rooms.
8. A director/instructor must be present any time students are using the band room or practice rooms. Do not remain in the band area if a director/instructor is not present.

Marching Shoremen Performances

1. Arrive at the band room with adequate time to change and be ready for whistle.
2. Use the rest rooms before lining up for whistle. This may be your last chance for awhile!
3. "Whistle" is the time to be completely dressed in uniform with instrument and ready to perform. We line up outside of the building near the band room doors. At this time, inspection will occur to be sure that uniforms and accessories are correct and hair is up, etc.
4. Pre-game performance occurs soon after entering the stadium!
5. All band members sit together during the 1st, 2nd, and 4th quarters of the game. Non-band members do not sit in the band seating area. All band members must return from 3rd quarter break by the end of the 3rd quarter and ready to play. Do not go into other sections of the stands at the stadium at any time.
6. Always remain in formation while marching to and from performances until after the halt and announcements have been made. The drum major(s) will then dismiss you.
7. Know your uniform and raincoat number and keep track of your uniform items at all times.
8. While in uniform, conduct yourselves with dignity and class.

Marching Shoremen Travel

1. When you sign up for a bus, print your name only. This will be your bus assignment for all trips.
2. Attendance is taken prior to all departures, coming and going.
3. The band will be dismissed from formation to the buses by the drum major(s).
4. Members must obey all school and bus rules. Show courtesy and respect to drivers and chaperones.
5. You will receive instructions to ride in full or partial (pants) uniform.
6. All property including instrument cases should be clearly marked with your name.
7. Remain seated on buses until you have received instructions.

Marching Uniform Information

Each member of the marching band (majorettes and guard members have different uniforms and guidelines) is issued a complete uniform including the following items. Replacement cost is included beside the item.

Jacket with adjustable sleeves (\$130), Sash (\$50)
Bib pants with adjustable shoulder straps (\$65)

One pair of gauntlets: 1 black/1 white (\$30)
Shako (hat) or beret (\$50 or \$15)
Shako storage box (\$10)
Garment bag (\$14)
Raincoat (\$100)
Two hangers (\$4)

Each member of the marching band is responsible for purchasing (band director will place order):

Two pairs of gloves (\$6)
One pair of black marching shoes (\$25)
Black Tote Bag for raincoat and other items (\$25)
Maroon Band Polo (\$25)
Total cost for gloves, shoes, band polo, and bag is approximately \$81.00.

Black calf high socks are needed and must be purchased on your own.

Guidelines for uniform cleanliness and appearance:

- Marching Band uniforms stay at school and you change into uniforms at the school.
- Keep uniform hung up properly to eliminate wrinkling.
- Keep shoes clean. Use a damp cloth for top of shoe (polishing may be necessary at times) and a toothbrush for sides of soles and heels.
- During warm weather, wear black nylon or cotton shorts and the show t-shirt under your uniform.
- During cold weather, wear thermal underwear or sweatpants under your bibs and a long sleeved warm shirt under your jacket. If possible, you may also wear a woolen black gloves.
- Long hair should be tucked inside your shako. Keep hair color a natural shade (no hair coloring that might run on the uniform or raincoat). No excessive make-up, jewelry should not be visible, no jewelry in visible piercings.
- No running or public display of affection while in uniform.
- No gum at any time and no eating while in uniform (except when permitted by the directors. Black socks and gloves will be available for purchase before games each Friday. The gloves should be treated with care because they tend to rip easily. All uniform items that are school owned must be returned and in acceptable condition by the end of the school year before grades and/or diplomas will be issued. There may be a charge for any unacceptable damage or if an item is lost.

Guard and Majorettes

1. Any student who will be attending Avon Lake High School may audition for a position in the guard or majorettes. Audition dates and times will be published.
2. Upon acceptance, guard and majorette members are required to enroll in Concert Band or Symphonic Band (the band director will help with placement). Majorette and guard members must remain in band for the entire year and play an instrument. During the first semester, there will be some days when the bands rehearse concert band literature. On those days, you will play your instrument with the band.

3. Guard and majorette members are members of the Marching Shoremen and will adhere to the policies in this handbook. In addition to these policies, there will be other requirements as specified by your directors/instructors.
4. Additional rehearsals will be scheduled by your instructors as needed.
5. You are responsible for learning routines and drill. You will also be held accountable for your attitude and behavior at all times. Sitting out a performance or part of a performance or even an entire season can occur if these guidelines are not followed.

Tuxedo/Formal Uniform Information

Band students borrow (free) from the school and store at their own homes the items listed below which they wear at concerts and contests during the school year. Mr. Eddleman will tell students when to return their tuxedo/formal uniform in the spring. **Seniors will not be allowed to walk at graduation and underclassmen will not be sent their report cards until their tuxedo or formal uniform is returned or until damaged, lost or unreturned items are paid for in full.**

The following is a list of each piece and the replacement cost:

Boys	Girls
Tuxedo Pants \$ 35	Black Wool Skirt \$ 100
Tuxedo Jacket \$ 70	Black Jacquard Blouse \$ 40
Bow Tie \$ 2	Hanger \$ 2
Pocket Hanky \$ 1	Garment Bag \$ 17
Hanger \$ 2	
Garment Bag \$ 17	

In addition to the above items, **each boy is required to buy a tuxedo shirt with 4 black studs for \$15** that the Band Aids Uniform Committee will fit him into at the beginning of the school year and **bulk order**. Used shirts are bought and sold for \$7. Students must also wear their own black shoes and socks. Please keep the tuxedo/formal uniform in the garment bag when not being worn, but do not store socks or shoes in the garment bag. **Parents or students need to wash at home or professionally clean only the tuxedo shirt and jacquard blouse after each concert.** The other tuxedo/formal uniform parts are professionally cleaned in the spring by the school. The blouse color runs so wash in cold water with dark colors. The blouse fabric also snags easily so be careful when putting on and removing the blouse. Stud earrings and a small chain necklace are the only jewelry allowed to be worn during performances.

Polos

Each band student (marching, concert, symphonic and jazz) is required to purchase a maroon polo shirt. Polos are \$25. Students should wash their polos after each wearing. If you outgrow your polo and it is in good condition, it can be exchanged for another size while supplies last.

Evaluation (Grading)

1. Quality time in daily rehearsals is a very important part of the evaluation process included in your grade. This also includes rehearsals or sectionals scheduled outside of class time.
2. Performances are much like tests or exams. They are an integral part of the course and attendance is required. This includes our annual awards banquet in May.
3. Show evidence of your desire to improve your skills through home or school practice and preparation for rehearsals. This includes an instrument in good condition, accessories, pencil, and music. Your weekly practice is part of your weekly grade in band.
4. Playing assignments will be given throughout the year that may include solos, etudes, music from folders, and scales. In the fall, the playing assignment is music memorization. Those not in marching band also have playing assignments but they do not have to be memorized.
5. You may, on occasion, have a written assignment to turn in for a grade. On rare occasions, a student may be asked to write a two page paper for talking or disrupting the classroom or rehearsal process.
6. You will receive credit for special projects such as performing in solo and ensemble contest, completing a listening or reading assignment, participation in fund-raising, or a self-assessment.
7. Demonstrate your best effort and positive attitude at rehearsals and performances by showing your enthusiasm and your interest in music.
8. Private lessons are not required but highly encouraged. There is no better way to advance your playing skills than through private study with a qualified teacher. Submit a private lessons form for each grading period to receive credit.
9. Observe the band handbook guidelines for student conduct, attendance, communications, policies, and rehearsals.
10. Participation in outside organizations is encouraged and rewarded. Many of them require an audition. These include: All-State Band, Orchestra, or Jazz Band; SWC Honors' Band; OSU, BGSU, or Akron Honors' Bands; Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony; Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra; Oberlin CCW or NOYO; Patriots Community Band, DCI, etc.
11. Extra credit for participation in volunteer school ensembles, fund-raising, and parent participation in Band Aids.

Avon Lake High School Honors' Level Course Expectations

Workload—(both in-class and homework) exceeds that assigned in other courses at the same level / same department

Independent work—the amount expected of the student is greater than other courses

Complexity and difficulty of material—material is more difficult and complex than general education curricula

Critical thinking skills—Honors/AP classes require a greater amount of activity at the higher levels of critical thinking, including synthesis and evaluation

The student selection process for Honors or AP courses is designed to make the program available to those who will profit from the challenging work offered. Three (3) factors are considered before a student is admitted to Honors or AP classes.

1. Level of academic achievement
2. Evaluation of previous teacher
3. The expressed desire of student

Honors Band Credit

Requirements:

1. Enrolled in either Concert Band or Symphonic Band for the entire year.
2. Participation in Marching Band.
3. Participation in solo and ensemble contest (second semester).
4. Permission from the director.

The goal of honors band credit is to improve student musicianship. There are a variety of activities from which you can choose to participate that are weighted based upon their time commitment and musical impact. Students are not required to sign up for honors credit, but once you do, you cannot change back to regular credit during the year.

Each semester, students must complete 10 honor points. If you do not reach ten points in a semester, the following grading scale will be used:

With an A being 10 points-
B = 7 to 9 points
C = 3 to 6 points
D = 0 to 2 points

All deadlines must be honored to receive credit.

(Honors' Credit) Each semester:

- 5 honor points if you are enrolled in Symphonic Band.
- 3 honor points if you are enrolled in Concert Band.
- 5 honor points for marching band 1st semester and 2 honor points for 2nd semester.
- 2 honor points for performing in a concert as a member of an audition-based all-star group such as the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony or the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra (Bring the concert program showing your name).
- 1 honor point for participation in an honors' band such as BGSU, Akron, OSU, or SWC.
- 2 honor points for attending a professional level concert such as the Cleveland Orchestra. Submit a one page review to receive credit (Check with the director in advance to be sure the concert you have chosen fits the requirements).
- 2 honor points for successful participation in pit orchestra for the annual musical.
- 1 honor point for attending a concert somewhere else (community organization, another school, etc.). Submit a one page review to receive credit.
- Participation in solo and ensemble contest second semester is required of all students receiving honors' band credit. Up to 3 honor points based upon your judges' rating (I = 3; II = 2). You can get points for BOTH a solo and an ensemble.
- 1 (in a group) or 2 (as a soloist) honor points for a public performance at a church or other community event. Provide a program with a listing of your name and piece performed.
- 1 honor point per semester for successful participation in the Avon Lake Jazz Ensemble or Avon Lake Pep Band (2nd semester only).
- 1 point per semester for weekly private lessons with a qualified instructor (minimum 12 lessons per semester for credit).
- 1 to 2 honor points per semester for tutoring a student from Learwood or Troy. The lessons should be one half hour each week for all (2 points) or most (1 point) of the semester. Keep a journal of dates and lesson times along with what you have learned from the experience. To receive credit, you cannot be paid for the lessons.
- 1 honor point for a recording of you playing all of your major scales and a two octave chromatic scale at a minimum of quarter note = 100.
- 1 honor point for a report on a composer. The report should be between two and three pages (font size 11 or 12) and include their biography and how the composer (or their music) has impacted your musicianship.

ALHS Band Locker Test

Periodically, I will conduct unannounced inspections of your lockers for a grade. This note is to inform you that I have inspected your locker. **You must pass every aspect of the test in order to receive a passing grade.** Please read the following to see how you did.

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

____ The case was closed and latched upon inspection. The case was in a locked locker, or other designated storage area.

____ The locker contained the instrument, mutes, and other accessories. Books, papers, lunches, etc. should not be stored here.

____ The instrument was properly disassembled and stored in the case. The student's name is clearly marked on the case/ID tag. Mouthpiece is put away properly. Reed is put away properly and is not on the mouthpiece.

____ Reeds are stored in a ReedGard (You may purchase these at a local music store) or other appropriate reed storage device (not the plastic reed coffins, or in the box). Please see me in private if cost is an issue.

____ Reeds are not moldy, dirty, chipped or cracked. Flute, clarinet, oboe, and bassoon cases include an instrument swab.

____ Saxophone cases include a PadGard or another appropriate pad- saving device (You may purchase these at a local music store.). Please see me in private if cost is an issue.

____ Brass cases contain valve/slide oil or slide cream and spray bottle.

____ Cases do not contain music or non-instrument related materials (no gum, candy, papers, etc.).

Student's grade:

Teacher's signature: _____

ALHS BAND CONCERT FOLDER TEST

This note is to inform you that I have inspected your folder for a test grade. Please read the following to see how you did.

NAME: _____ FOLDER: _____ 20 points each (100 points possible)

____ Contents of folder are neat. Music is not ripped, wrinkled or scribbled on.

____ Concert music is on one side of folder, all other items on the other side.

____ Folder contains chorale or method book(s). Folder does not contain notices to parents, notes to friends, or items that belong in my instrument case. (i.e. oils, swabs, reeds, etc.)

____ Folder does not contain anything not related to the ALHS Band.

The following items, if any, are missing from your concert folder. You will lose ten (10) points for every item that is missing.

Comments: _____

If the box below is checked, your folder was missing from the folder slot resulting in a zero for the test grade.

Folder was missing from slot. Total score: _____

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Sometimes early in the school year there are weekly assignments. These assignments are designed to get you back in good playing shape for the year and to increase your playing skills and musical knowledge. After the first nine weeks, the assignments will occur periodically as dictated by the performance schedule.

Assignments will be recorded. You may schedule a time to come to the band room to practice (or at home) and then play your assignment into the recorder in the practice room. Be sure to announce your name, instrument, your ensemble, and which scales you are playing.

Scales and arpeggios are played at minimum of quarter note equals mm 90.

Examples of possible assignments:

Week #2: Four Major Scales and Arpeggios (your choice of the twelve)

Week #3: Four Major Scales and Arpeggios (of the remaining eight)

Week #4: Four Major Scales and Arpeggios (remaining four)

Week #5: Etude/exercise assigned by the director

Week #6: Etude assigned by the director

Week #7: Four Harmonic Minor Scales and Arpeggios (your choice of the twelve)

Week #8: Four Harmonic Minor Scales and Arpeggios (of the remaining eight)

Week #9: Four Harmonic Minor Scales and Arpeggios (remaining four)

Week #10: Etude/exercise/musical excerpt assigned by the director

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Circle your ensemble:

CONCERT BAND SYMPHONIC BAND JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Number of lessons completed this quarter: _____

Private Teacher Name: _____

Private Teacher Telephone Number: _____

Private Teacher Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Special Projects or Outside Organizations

Student Name _____

Your band: Symphonic Concert Jazz

Nature of Activity: Self-Assessment Reading/Listening

Other _____ Solo and Ensemble Contest Outside Organization

Date of Activity:

Time Involved in Activity:

Date of Completion of the Activity:

Name of Outside Organization (if applicable):

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

2018-2019 BAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Ensemble	Location
Aug 4	7:00 PM	Shoremen BRASS Classic	All 5-12 Bands	ALHS STADIUM
Aug 21 st	7:00 PM	MARCHING SHOREMEN PREVIEW	Marching (MB)	ALHS STADIUM
Sep 22 nd	6:00 PM	54 th Annual Band-A- Rama	MB	ALHS STADIUM
Sep 29 th	10:30 AM	Homecoming Parade OMEA Event	MB	ALHS
Oct 6 th	6:00 PM		MB	TBD
Oct 18 th	7:00 PM	Concert	MB	ALHS PAC
Oct. 20 th	6:00 PM	OMEA Event	MB	Brunswick HS
Dec. 6 th	7:00 PM	HS/Learwood Band Concert	SB, CB, JE	ALHS PAC
Feb 9 th	All Day	OMEA HS Solo and Ensemble Contest	SB, CB	Parma
Feb 23 rd	9:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Grades 5-12 Bands	ALHS Commons
March 14	7:00 PM	Band Concert	SB, CB, JE	ALHS PAC
March 15-16	TBD	OMEA District Band Contest (Fri or Sat)	SB, CB	Westlake
May 8 th	7:00 PM	HS Band Concert	SB, CB, JE	ALHS PAC
May 10 th	7:00 PM	HS Band Awards Reception	MB, CB, SB, JE**	Ahern's
May 27 th	10:00 AM	Avon Lake Memorial Day Parade	MB	Avon Lake
June 7 th	6:30 PM	Graduation	Symphonic Band*	ALHS STADIUM

Important Calendar Information:

- All dates are tentative and subject to change.
- Some activities will be added to the calendar as dates & times become available.
- Fall rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 6-9 PM and Thursdays from 3:10-5 PM.
- Football games are every Friday night for the first ten weeks of the school year.
- If the football team makes the playoffs, the band goes too!

(Check the Google Band Calendar regularly for updates.)

MB=Marching Band SB=Symphonic Band CB=Concert Band JE=Jazz Ensemble

*Symphonic Band performs at graduation

**Awards Reception counts as a performance

What is Band Aids?

ALHS Band Aids, Inc. has been in existence since 1964 to provide financial support and assistance to the Avon Lake City Schools instrumental music programs, including programs at Troy, Learwood and Avon Lake High School.

Avon Lake Bands: Symphonic, Concert, Marching (including Color Guard and Majorettes), Jazz, Pep, Learwood Bands and the 5th & 6th Grade Bands at Troy

WHAT DOES BAND AIDS PAY FOR?

If you have bought an instrument or even an instrumental music lesson book, you understand how expensive these quality items can be. Think about all the things that you or your students participate in or partake of in the program that are **paid for in full or in part by money raised annually by the Band Aids organization:**

- Uniforms for all high school bands
- Auxiliary equipment such as flags, props, misc.
- Equipment trailer
- Concessions equipment
- OMEA Contest and Honors Band fees
- Instruments and music
- Directors' discretionary fund at all three schools
- Clinicians, auxiliary instructors
- Lesson assistance for unique instruments
- Full band meals for special events
- Snacks at all home football games for home and away bands
- Annual band awards/recognition event
- Holiday concert receptions
- Annual ice cream social
- Portions of trip costs for high school bands
- Scholarship fund
- Half-priced lessons

HOW IS THE MONEY RAISED?

In recent years, our success with football concessions and with the August Shoremen Brass Classic – a Drum Corps International competition – has allowed us to hold fewer fundraisers. We also raise money via other smaller activities, like Band On Demand, Band-A-Rama, a Patron Drive, a springtime pancake breakfast, and Pops Concert to name a few. Adding additional fund-raising in the future hinges on the success of the Shoremen Brass Classic DCI Show (as concessions income is fairly consistent).

Your volunteer support of Band Aids programs and activities is expected and essential to the continued success of the instrumental program at all schools in the Avon Lake City School district. Band Aids meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month in the ALHS Band Room from 7 to 8 p.m. Meetings are open to all band parents and alumni of the Avon Lake Bands.

2018-19 Band Aids Meeting Dates:

Monthly Meetings (usually third Wednesday of each month, 7-8 p.m. in the ALHS Band Room)

Summer Trustee Budget Meeting --TBA

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 14

NO December Meeting

January 16

February 20

March 20

April 18

These dates are tentative -- awaiting the PAC/Concert schedule

What do I do when I have no idea what is going on with band for my student?

There are a lot of answers to this question. First, your student probably has received A LOT of information about the schedule and the expectations for band! It's kind of hard for some of the underclassmen to remember all the details, though. So here's what you can do to make sure you (and, most importantly, your student) are plugged in completely.

- * Check the avonlakeband.weebly.com site regularly! You'll see tabs for schedules, calendars and forms...and MUCH more. The summer and fall schedule is up there now.
- * Like -Avon Lake Marching Shoremen, Avon Lake High School Band and *Shoremen Brass Classic* on Facebook. Follow @avonlakeband on Twitter and AVONLAKEBAND on Instagram.
- * Sign up for "Remind 101 Band Messages." To receive messages via text, text @alband to (614)364-4965. You can opt-out anytime by replying 'unsubscribe@alband.' To receive messages via e-mail, send an email to alband@mail.remind101.com . To unsubscribe, reply to 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.
- * Attend Band Aids meetings to stay "in the know" and hear Mr. Eddleman's monthly report.
- * Make sure our Band Aids secretary Cathy Phillips at albandaids@gmail.com has your email address so that you receive all Band Aids e-mail blasts and newsletters.
- * Sign up for a parent-to-parent mentor by contacting Lisa Rish at Lpr30mom@aol.com .

If you have questions, comments, concerns or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact Band Aids president Colleen Hershey at chersh01@gmail.com or 216-410-4445.



The Avon Lake Band Aids, Inc. is hosting the seventh annual *Shoremen Brass Classic* Drum Corps International (DCI) competition at Avon Lake Memorial Stadium on Saturday, August 4th at 7 pm. The event will feature eight drum and bugle corps from the United States. DCI is considered *Marching Music's Major League*. The members of these drum corps have gone through extensive training to become skilled performers, impressing crowds with their high-energy musicianship and marching.

Tickets can be purchased directly from an ALHS band student for \$8 (general admission) or \$14 (premium seating). Tickets are available online for \$9 and \$15 at shoremenbrassclassic.com. Tickets are available the day of the show for \$12 (general admission) and \$18 (premium seating). Children 10 and under are admitted free with a paid adult general admission ticket. The free children's ticket can be obtained at the ticket booth the day of the show.

Proceeds support the music education of ALCS students in grades 5-12.

Avon Lake Band Polos – Every band student needs to purchase a band polo shirt. These shirts are worn during DCI, Band Ice Cream Social, when weather is too warm to perform in Marching uniforms, after concerts, competitions and on trips.

The cost of these polo shirts is \$25 each. The sizing is very unique and different for the male and female shirts. The best way to ensure a good fit is to order your normal t-shirt size. Please be aware the size on your polo shirt when you receive it will be a different size than the t-shirt size you list due to this unique sizing chart. Parents you too may purchase a polo shirt at this time. Parents tend to wear these when volunteering, chaperoning, traveling with the band, during games and parades. We will only be placing this ONE ORDER for the school year.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Gender: Male / Female (circle each for sizing) T-Shirt Size you wear: AS AM AL XL XXL XXXL

Gender: Male / Female (circle each for sizing) T-Shirt Size you wear: AS AM AL XL XXL XXXL

Parent Email: _____ Phone Contact #: _____

Parent's Order: Name: _____

Gender: Male / Female T-Shirt Size you wear: AS AM AL XL XXL XXXL

Gender: Male / Female T-Shirt Size you wear: AS AM AL XL XXL XXXL

Number shirts ordered: _____ x \$25.00 each

Total Owed: _____

GO BAND - YARD SIGNS - An optional way to show your Shoremen Band Pride is with a yard sign. These can be ordered for you at the cost of \$10.00 each. We will collect the money this evening, order the signs and have them for you at the Ice Cream Social.

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Email: _____

of Yard Signs ordered: _____ x \$10.00 each Total owed: _____

Band Bumper Magnets and Shorty Marching Shoremen pins will be available to purchase tonight and at the Ice Cream Social or by contacting our Spirit Chairperson.

ALHS Marching Band Uniform Requirements and Fees

Band member's name: _____

M/F: _____

Grade: _____ **T-shirt size:** _____

Returning Band Member:

Total Due

- | | | |
|--|---------|-------|
| 1. Shoes | \$26.00 | _____ |
| 2. Two pairs of gloves (except Percussion section) | \$6.00 | _____ |
| 3. Duffel Bag | \$25.00 | _____ |
| 4. Polo | \$25.00 | _____ |

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Freshmen or New Band Member:

- | | | |
|--|----------------|-------|
| 1. Shoes | \$26.00 | _____ |
| 2. Two pairs of gloves (except Percussion section) | \$6.00 | _____ |
| 3. Duffel Bag | \$25.00 | _____ |
| 4. Polo | <u>\$25.00</u> | _____ |

Total: \$82.00 or \$76 for

percussion

Guard & Majorettes

Returning Guard Member:

Only if the Guard member has grown out of them:

- | | | |
|---------------|---------|-------|
| 1. Duffel Bag | \$20.00 | _____ |
| 2. Polo | \$25.00 | _____ |

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Freshman or New Guard Member:

- | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1. Duffel Bag (if needed) | \$20.00 | _____ |
| 2. Polo | <u>\$25.00</u> | _____ |

Total: \$45.00

Total Due: _____



PATRON DRIVE
ALHS Band Aids, Inc.
We are all Band Boosters!

ALHS Band Aids, Inc. has been in existence since 1964 to provide financial support and assistance to all Avon Lake City Schools bands in grades 5 through 12. Money raised by Band Aids is used for:

½-priced music lessons at Troy and Learwood; local field trips and large-scale high school trips, like the Symphonic band's trip to play at NYC's Carnegie Hall; scholarships for music education programs; instruments; equipment; uniforms and concert attire; and more!

Please show your support by contributing to the Patron Drive.

_____ \$25 – Bronze **Please print your name below as you would like it to appear in our programs:**

_____ \$50 – Silver _____

_____ \$100 – Gold

_____ More than \$100 – Platinum _____ I would prefer to remain anonymous

Thank you! Your support is essential to our instrumental music program!
All donations are tax deductible.
Please make checks payable to ALHS Band Aids, Inc.
 Mail to ALHS Band Aids, Inc., c/o Lisa Rish,
 31847 Hazelwood Lane, Avon Lake, OH 44012

Anonymous in the program or not, please let us know who you are so we can thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone and/or e-mail: _____

Student's school: Troy _____ Learwood _____ High School _____

_____ I don't have a band student, so I don't receive the newsletter. Please keep me informed by e-mailing the Band Aids newsletter to the above e-mail address!

_____ I am an ALHS Band alumnus. (Please write your name below, if multiple names are listed above. Also, include maiden name if applicable.)

ALHS Band Aids Parent Volunteer Sign-Up 2018-19

Every band family is required to volunteer for at least five volunteer opportunities to support all of Band Aids programs and benefits. We request that families volunteer for at least three concessions and two, or more, chaperone opportunities, as they are our greatest need. Please note, if there is a higher football season concessions profit than budgeted, the trustees may opt to use that money to help reduce the cost of future band trips for the students whose families have completed a minimum of five volunteer or donation opportunities. If you were unable to sign up at the parent's meeting on Band kick off day, please sign up online. Sign Up Genius links for each volunteer opportunity will be posted at:

www.avonlakeband.weebly.com/boosters - or -
www.facebook.com/groups/almarchingshoremen/

If you have further questions or need help signing up to volunteer, please contact Band Aids Volunteer Coordinator Sue Mueller at volunteercoordinatoralbands@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

By completing and signing the below you are agreeing to the requested volunteer expectations.

Band Student Name(s) _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Family _____

Email _____

Telephone _____ Cell or Other Phone _____

Parent Signature: _____

Thank you for your support!

Parent/Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form
2018-2019

Please sign and return this page.

STUDENT NAME (please print): _____

Address _____

Instrument _____

Mother's Name & Address:

Father's Name & Address:

Mother's Home Phone:

Father's Home Phone:

Mother's Work Phone:

Father's Work Phone:

Mother's Mobile Phone:

Father's Mobile Phone:

Family Email Address: _____

I have read and understand the policies of the Avon Lake Instrumental Music Department.

If my son/daughter is assigned a school instrument, I agree to assist in the correct care and upkeep, and agree to pay for any damages resulting from carelessness or improper handling. I will not be assessed for any costs associated with what is considered to be normal wear and tear.

My son/daughter will be the only person to handle or play this instrument, and will be responsible for damages that may occur if they permit someone else to handle or play the assigned instrument.

I agree that my son/daughter will turn in the school instrument at the end of the school year or whenever asked to do so by the band director or other authorized school personnel.

Your Name (please print): _____

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

(Date)

(Student Signature)

(Date)

