

Port Isabel Junior High Beginning Band

2016 – 2017 School Year

Teachers: Ms. Cassandra Tackett – Clarinet & Junior High Head Band Director
Ms. Diana Peña – Saxophone & Symphonic Band
Mr. Ricardo Guevara – High Brass & Concert Band
Mr. Scott Hartsfield - Percussion & P.I.I.S.D. Director of Bands
Mr. William Wells – Low Brass
Ms. Clarissa Salinas – Flute

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Course Description: Students will learn the following fundamentals:

- I. Discipline Procedures (Band Rules)
 - a. Sit on the edge of the chair
 - b. Feet flat on the floor
 - c. Hold Still
- II. Foot Tap
- III. Basics of Music Theory
- IV. Embouchure Development
- V. Breathing Techniques
- VI. Rhythm
- VII. Starting the Tone
 - a. Tone Production and Intonation
 - b. Start-Sustain-Release
 - c. Hold Still

Materials: Students will need the following materials:

- I. Instruments & Ed Sueta Beginning Band Book (Clarinet players will need the For Clarinets Only book)
- II. Mirror & Pencil
- III. Accessories (such as reeds, oil, slide cream, slide grease, cleaning cloth, swab, drum sticks)
- IV. Band t-shirt (ordered by the directors)
- V. Combination Lock

Performances: Students will perform at the following:

Holiday Concert- **Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 6:30pm**
Spring Concert- **Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm**

Grading Policy: Each student's grade will be determined by the following:

- I. Class Participation
 - a. Has all materials and instrument in working condition
 - b. Prepared to participate in each class
 - c. Student Daily progress
- II. Practice- Homework
 - a. Instrument is taken home every day
 - b. Daily individual practice
- III. Skill Tests
 - a. Student progress will be evaluated on a weekly basis
 - b. Evaluation will be based on teacher observation
- IV. Performances
 - a. The Holiday and Spring Concerts will serve as semester comprehensive exams

How can I earn Band Bucks?

- Sign up for stage crew
 - Make posters
- Pass off bonus exercises
- Complete band social media challenges

What can I buy with my Band Bucks?

- Band pencils – 2 band bucks
- I < 3 band stickers – 1 band buck
- Band posters – 5 band bucks
- 1 reed – 2 band bucks (clarinet reed), 3 band bucks (alto reed), 4 band bucks (tenor and bass clarinet reed), 5 band bucks (bari and contra reed)
 - Valve oil – 3 band bucks
 - Cork grease – 2 band bucks
- Mouthpiece savers – 1 band buck
 - Slide grease – 2 band bucks
 - Slide-O-Mix – 3 band bucks