



Discovery Middle School Bands

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2019-20 Planned Band Events for the Discovery Bands

(as of Sept. 12, 2019)

- All concerts begin at **7pm** unless otherwise indicated.
- Details for each concert will be announced as we get closer to that date.
- **Please put all these dates in your calendar!**

Responsibility

***September 12**
(Thursday)

Band Parent Q&A for 7th and 8th grade families

(starting after *Curriculum Night* at **7:30pm** in the Band Room;
makeup date will be Sept. 17@6:00pm)

Excellence

***September 17**
(Tuesday)

Beginning Band Parent Meeting/Instrument Pickup (6-7:15pm)

Meeting, Instrument Pickup, and Final fitting for 6th grade families
(feel free to bring a smart device if you wish)

Success

Oct. 15-Nov. 4

Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser!

Our main fundraiser for the year! This fundraiser establishes our budget for the calendar year of (Jan. 1- Dec. 31). It is my sincerest hope you will participate in support of our student's endeavors. For those who wish to donate instead of buy/sell, our **Bucks for Band** program will be a great choice for you!

Practice

***November 19**
(Tuesday)

Beginning Band First Concert/Show and Tell

After-school combined rehearsal for brass and woodwinds Monday, 11/18

Enthusiasm

***November 21**
(Thursday)

Fall Concert

Nov. 5, 12, 20

Rehearsals right after school; Dates will be split between all bands and exact details for each band will be determined as we get closer to each concert based on the needs for each band.

Nov. 21 Rehearsal:

In-school combined 6th and 7th grades

Cooperation

***Feb. 26**
(Wednesday)
After-school rehearsals
Feb. 18, 19, 25
Feb. 26 Rehearsal:

Mid-Winter Concert

Rehearsals right after school; Dates will be split between all bands and exact details for each band will be determined as we get closer to each concert based on the needs for each band.

In-school combined 6th and 7th grades

Teamwork

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**Feb. 27-28
OR March 5-6**

MSBOA (Michigan School Band and Orchestra) Festival
(8th grade will perform; 7th grade may perform depending on their progress; one day out of these dates listed will be chosen by the state music organization; more details as we get closer)

March 15

Annual MATTRESS Fundraiser!
In Discovery MS Gym - More info to follow

March 26 or 27

Bands of America Regional Band Festival at Eastern Michigan University for 8th Grade Band
More info to follow

***April 30
(Thursday)**

5th grade Orientation Night (7th/8th grade bands)
I will probably only use one band but I will not know which one until we get closer to the date so please keep this date on your calendar.

May 1-3

Possible Band Trip to Chicago
(pending Admin approval and parent support)
Elective event/Band Trip (More info to follow; if approved by district and there is enough student participation with enough parent chaperones)

**May 9
(Saturday)**

DDOP-Downriver Day of Percussion
(Elective event for percussionists-at Roosevelt HS in Wyandotte)

***May 28
(Thursday)**
*After-school rehearsals
May 12, 19, 20, 26, 27
May 28 Rehearsal:*

Spring Concert
*Rehearsals right after school; Dates will be split between ALL bands and exact details for each band will be determined as we get closer to each concert based on the needs for each band.
In-school combined 6th and 7th grades*

***May 29**

In-school concert with Band and Choir

* = location at Discovery MS

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There will be events that will occur that cannot be accounted for at this time. As these events occur we will notify you through email, Band website, Band FB group, Google Classroom, student communication, etc. Concerts usually last from 45-75 minutes.

Responsibility

NOTE - We are looking to start three new groups this year in our efforts to provide new opportunities for students:

Excellence

Indoor Winds – Discovery MS Winds will look to explore this new venue in the arts, which combines marching arts and pageantry arts in a competitive format. This group is open to 8th grade Band students and we will be utilizing a quarter lesson unit during class to explore this new activity. This group is open to 7th graders as well if student skills are ready for this group. After initial exploration we will be having after school rehearsals and one or two competitions in the area. This will occur in winter and early spring. A full presentation will be given during the fall. Performances and rehearsals and details will be announced when more info is available.

Success

Pactice

Bucket Band – The Discovery Bucket Band is for students from Discovery MS who are interested in forming an ensemble to showcase their creativity with musical rhythms while using buckets and trash cans as percussion instruments. This club is open to any 6th, 7th or 8th grade student at Discovery MS and students do not have to be in band. We are looking to start this group during the second semester. Performances and rehearsals and details will be announced when more info is available.

Enthusiasm

Cooperation

ServiceBand – Band members who are interested in helping others and giving back to the community will have a few opportunities this year to represent the band and our school in volunteer efforts in the service of others. More details to follow.

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GO BAND!

GO EAGLES!

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