**EWMS Band 2017-2018**

Mrs. Casey Duryea (DUR-ee-ay), Band Director: clewis9@wcpss.net

Band Website: eastwakebands.weebly.com

Band Facebook: East Wake Middle School Music

Band Remind: enter 81010 and text @ewbn

Band Handbook: located on band website

**Required Performances 2017-2018**

Evening Concerts: Student call time is 6:15pm, concert begins at 7:00pm. All concerts will be located at the East Wake High School Auditorium. (Required for all grade levels)

* Tuesday, December 19th
* Thursday, June 7th

**Other Dates**

All County Band Auditions: October 24th at Carnage Middle School, 3:30-8:00pm

All County Clinic: November 16-17 at **Ligon** Middle School

All District Band Auditions: January 6 at Cary High School

All District Clinic: January 26-27 at South Garner High School

March 14-16 (exact date TBD) Music Performance Assessment (MPA) field trip

8th Grade Awards Ceremony: June 28

8th Grade Carowinds Trip: TBD May

Mudcats Performance: TBD June

**General Information**

* Concert attendance is MANDATORY and counts as a grade for each student. Students will wear their EWMS Band uniform for any public performance. If your child needs to miss the concert, written documentation needs to be submitted to Mrs. Duryea AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE PERFORMANCE. The following reasons are the only ones that will be considered for an excused absence: 1) Illness or injury, 2) Isolation ordered by the NC Board of Health, 3) Death in the family, 4) Court Appointment, 5) Religious Observance, 6) Other pre-approved educational opportunities. If a student has an excused absence, they will be given a makeup assignment to be graded that will need to be submitted within three days after the concert.
* Uniforms for all grades: black dress shirt/blouse, black dress pants, black dress shoes and socks. (If a girl needs to wear a skirt due to religious reasons, it must be ankle length and approved by Mrs. Duryea ahead of time.) ***Students will not be allowed to perform unless they are in proper uniform.***
* Students are expected to PRACTICE a minimum of 5 times outside of class per week. This can be done at home or mornings from 7:00-7:20 in the band room. Instruments are expected to go home with students over track outs.
* Grades will be given for written assessments, concert performances, playing assessments, and projects. Students are permitted to re-take any assessment given they are unhappy with their grade (but only within a week of when the assignment was first administered).
* Contact is primarily done through email- please provide me with your email address so you can be kept informed about events, updates, and general information. All important documents and letters sent home will be uploaded to the band website: eastwakebands.weebly.com

**Required Supplies**

Instrument in good working condition and all necessary parts (reeds, oil, etc.)

Pencil

Method Book for your instrument

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| **6th Grade** | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
| Essential Elements Book 1 | Essential Elements Book 2 | Essential Elements Book 2 |