

Interlake High School Band Handbook 2010-2011



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The Bands

Congratulations! You are in for a school year of fun because you are registered for **Concert Band** (generally freshmen), **Symphonic Band** (generally sophomores) and **Wind Ensemble** (seniors, juniors and some sophomores). These bands perform at school concerts and band festivals. As a band student, you are also eligible to audition for the **Jazz Ensemble**, which performs at concerts and jazz festivals and does occasional gigs in local venues. This is also a full-year course for which you receive credit like all other courses at Interlake. Jazz Ensemble is offered as “0 period” at 6:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Yep, that’s early but what better way to spend your early morning than with jazz enthusiasts! As a band student you are automatically in both the **Marching Band** and the **Pep Band**! These bands perform at home football games, basketball games, assemblies, and selected parades.

Marching Band

Marching band students are expected to attend Band Camp (also called **Early Week**) in August (typically two weeks before school begins), perform at the Interlake High School home football games, and march in select parades (i.e., Issaquah Salmon Days, Homecoming Parade, Macy’s Holiday Parade, and Ballard Parade). Attendance at all of these activities is recorded and included as part of your course grade. Students and parents are also expected to help with fundraising for planned band trips. Marching Band uniforms are provided and most students are fitted during Early Week. Marching band practice takes place during class for the first quarter of the year. Additional marching practice is held in the afternoons, so that all the groups can meet together to learn formations and practice on the field. **These are mandatory marching band rehearsals and are held after school during the first few months of school, usually from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.**

Drum Majors

The **Drum Majors** (usually upperclassmen students who auditioned or were appointed by Mr. Kim) are considered the leaders to ALL of the band students. They regularly attend advisory meetings with Mr. Kim. Together they plan band activities and coordinate all of the marching practices. Drum majors are most visible when they are leading the parades. They wear white uniforms, carrying batons, and blow their whistles to signal the band. During the summer, the drum majors attend a mandatory one week camp to master their leadership skills and baton techniques.

Pep Band

Guess what? You’re in the Pep Band, too! This involves playing at home basketball games and playoff games (as applicable), and at school assemblies. Attendance at these games is recorded and counts towards the course grade. Mr. Kim supervises but the drum majors lead the pep band. You will be given a cool pep band t-shirt (included in the uniform fee) which you must wear at all the games. The rest of your clothes can be casual.

Uniform and Concert Attire

Marching Uniform

Your marching band uniform includes a beret, wool pants and a heavy wool jacket. Uniforms should not be brought home. The pants are fitted length-wise and have an adjustable waist and suspenders. You must provide your own black socks and comfortable black shoes. Athletic shoes are fine but they **must** be ALL black! No white marking are allowed. Black socks should be at least mid-calf high, not the black ankle sport socks. In parade competitions, uniformity in appearance is evaluated along with technical and artistic performance. Wear a t-shirt (hidden) and deodorant under your uniform jacket. The uniforms cost close to \$500 each and can take up to 6 months to order new uniforms. Please take extra care while wearing the uniform and also when you hang them up. Be sure that the pants are hung neatly over the hanger. Students must report any stains, loose snaps or buttons, or other damage IMMEDIATELY before putting away a uniform. If you spill something on the uniform, try to locate one of the uniform co-chairs right away, before a stain sets in. Each student has an assigned beret, wool trousers and Jacket. Any loss or damage may result in a fine. Keep track of your beret, as you will be fined \$10 for a lost beret.

Your uniform will be stored in a garment bag labeled with your name, jacket number, pants number, and beret number. This is kept in the uniform room. Uniforms should never be taken home! Parent volunteers distribute the uniforms before events and collect the uniforms after events. Students are responsible for properly hanging their uniform on the hangers provided, or on chairs to dry if marching in the rain. Please do not put shoes or any heavy objects inside the garment bags, as it tears the bag. Marching shoes and socks should not be stored in the band room.

Please refer to the [Marching Band 101](#) document at www.interlakebands.com for more detailed information about Marching Band.

Pep Band Uniform

Pep band t-shirt (provided by the school) and casual pants and shoes.

Concert Attire

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble students are responsible for purchasing the following from JC Penny where Interlake Music has special pricing. The women wear a white blouse WITH a white tank or camisole underneath and black pants. Don't forget black shoes. The men wear a black jacket and pants with cummerbund.

Women's Concert Attire

Worthington French Cuff Blouse white	832-6301
Worthington Modern Fit Angle Pant black	816 2818

Dennis Speck / Lori Johnson
Men's and Children's Sales Manager / Women's and Accessories Sales Manager
JCP Store 2109 Bellevue, WA
425-454-8599

Men's Concert Attire

Stafford Performance Pant - Black 556-3319
Tux Set
(Includes cummerbund, shirt, tie, studs and cuff links)

Jazz Band Attire

Ladies:

- jazz black blouse
- jazz black vest
- jazz blue tie
- black slacks – from band concert uniform
- black dress shoes

Men:

- JC Penny jazz black jacket
- JC Penny jazz black slacks (with the cuffs)
- JC Penny jazz black shirt
- jazz blue tie
- black socks
- black dress shoes

Fees (as of August 2010)

All fees are paid to the school bookkeeper. Uniform fees are due during early week.

- **\$50.00 Uniform Fee**—Paid by ALL band students. This covers the cost of cleaning and maintaining the uniforms for Marching Band and provides t-shirts for Pep Band. Make check payable to *Interlake High School*.
- **\$25.00 Transportation/Activity Fee**—Paid by ALL students for each music group they participate in. This fee offsets the cost of transportation to events. For example, if you are in band and jazz band, you pay \$25 for transportation for each activity. Make check

payable to Interlake High School. Please note that this fee might not cover all transportation costs. Some additional out-of-pocket expenses may be incurred throughout the year.

- **\$25.00 Music Fee**—Paid by all music program students. This is a per student (not per program) fee that covers the cost of sheet music and other costs not covered by the building fund.
- **\$100.00 Instrument Usage Fee**—Paid ONLY by students who use an IHS Music Department’s instrument. This fee is per student. Make checks payable to *Interlake High School*. Students are responsible for the school instrument(s) that are checked out to them. If an instrument is lost, stolen, or damaged, this must be reported immediately to Mr. Kim. The student is responsible for the cost of the repair or replacement of that instrument.

Limited scholarships are available for students who qualify for financial assistance. Please do not hesitate to talk to your counselor about the Saul Haas Fund.

Activities

Home Football Games and Halftime Shows

Students meet in the band room at 6:00 p.m. to get into their uniforms. Opening march is at 7:00 p.m. The band marches around the field and then sits together in a designated area of the bleachers on the home side. The drum majors direct the band to play rally music throughout the game. At halftime, the band performs on the field (drill team and color guard too). The band usually breaks during the third quarter and then regroups to play for the fourth quarter. They end the evening with a rally in front of the music concession stand to thank the parent volunteers for their support.

Parades

Schedule

- **Issaquah Salmon Days**—in early October. Meet at the school early, buses provided to and from downtown Issaquah.
- **Macy’s Holiday Parade**—Friday after Thanksgiving. Meet at school early, buses provided to and from downtown Seattle provided; it’s an Interlake tradition for the students to wear blue “Santa” hats instead of berets. The Interlake Santa hats must be returned immediately after the Macy’s parade.

- **Ballard Parade** – Mid May usually an afternoon parade. This parade is not on a weekend it is a set date, May 17th.

Concerts, Festivals & Competitions

Students perform at a variety of concerts throughout the year. Each band has a slightly different concert schedule; Wind Ensemble and Jazz I usually perform at more concerts than the other groups. There is a fall, winter and spring concert for all groups. The bands play at graduation in June.

All information regarding concert schedules is found in the on-line schedule at Interlakebands.com

All Interlake bands will compete at festivals throughout the year, mainly in the spring. Festivals allow the bands the opportunity to be judged by an accredited adjudicator, which is a great way to get feedback about ways to improve the level of musicianship. Interlake bands have traditionally represented the school well, and placed very well.

Usual Events

Eastshore KingCo Jazz Festival	Jazz I and II
CWU Moawad Jazz Festival	Jazz I and II
Solo & Ensemble Festival	There is a nominal entry fee to cover cost of adjudication
CWU Wind Ensemble Festival	Wind Ensemble
Eastshore KingCo Band I	Wind Ensemble
Newport Jazz Festival	Jazz I and II
Eastshore KingCo Band II Festival	Concert Band and Symphonic Band
Reno Jazz Festival	Reno, NV, Jazz I
Bellevue Jazz Festival	Jazz I and II

Recognition and Communication

The Interlake Music Department proudly recognizes outstanding student and group achievement throughout the year. Announcements are reported on the in the Music Parents **Weekly Music Update**, the **SAINTS NEWS**, a weekly PTSA e-mail publication. All music parents and students are encouraged to put their names and email address(es) on the Contact/Volunteer form. The **Weekly Music Update** e-mail is sent as a blind carbon copy to all on the list. Be sure to put **interlakemusic@gmail.com** on your allowed senders list so these important weekly messages don't end up in your spam folder. This is a terrific way to keep in touch with what is going on in music. Through this e-mail, parents are notified about changes to the calendar, upcoming events and meetings, competition results, and requests for volunteers. Information is also posted on our website: **www.interlakebands.com**.

Interlake Music Parents Association

Every parent of students who are registered for Band, Orchestra, or Choir is part of the Interlake Music Parents Association (IMPA)! There are no membership fees, but at the minimum, we ask that each family helps out in at least one event, or if you cannot help in any event, that you make a financial contribution to the program. The purpose of our organization is to support the directors of all music groups. As members of the IMPA, we meet with the music directors to discuss their needs and raise funds to support their programs. The IMPA meets on a monthly basis and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Most monthly meeting are in the evening in the Career Counseling Center at Interlake.

Fundraising

The IMPA works together to support the music programs of Interlake High School. There are a variety of short-term and long-term fundraising volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Funds raised are used to purchase new sheet music; maintain and replace instruments; and to pay for guest clinicians, field trips, festival fees, and new uniforms. If you do not want to be bothered about fundraising and can afford to do so, we have a \$300 "No Sweat Fundraiser" where you can write a check and we won't ask you to volunteer for any of the other fundraisers. Make Checks payable to *Interlake Music Parents Association*. Donations to the IMPA are tax-deductible and gratefully accepted! IMPA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Don't forget your matching funds form if you work for Microsoft, Boeing, or other companies that match their employees' charitable contributions.

One of the easiest ways to **volunteer** to help raise funds for the music department is by helping in the Music Concession Stand at the home football games. This is a terrific fundraiser and a great way to meet other music parents, as well as having fun and staying warm and dry. Shifts are for either first half or second half, so you'll still get to see some of the game as well.

Volunteer Opportunities

Here are some other ways to support the Interlake Music program and get to know your fellow IMPA members:

Chaperones	Attend parades, festivals and other outings
IMPA Board of Directors	Serve as Vice-President to represent each group (Choir, Orchestra, Band, Jazz Band)
Fundraising Coordinators	Cookie Dough Sales, Booster/PTSA Auction, Concession Stand, Microsoft Lunch, Grant Writer
Communications	Send out e-mail updates for band or jazz band
Photographer	Take pictures of band activities for the yearbook, website, and other publications

See the contacts list on the home page of the band website to see which of these positions are currently open, or contact anyone on the IMPA board.

Music Activity Letter

Students may earn an activity letter in one of Interlake's music programs. Students must earn 100 points to receive the activity letter, much like a varsity letter. Points may be carried over from year to year until a letter is given. Once you have earned a letter, you would begin the following school year at zero points. You may start earning points the summer before the school year with a summer ensemble or camp. Find the letter criteria on the web-site.

Miscellaneous (but Useful) Things

Sectionals

Sectionals are extra practices that the student must attend. These count toward the student's music grade. For example, if you play the flute, you are in the "flute section." Mr. Kim appoints a leader from each section to be in charge of planning and leading the sectionals. Your child may even be one of the section leaders. Ask! Sectionals can take place during lunch hours or after school depending on what works for the section. Notices regarding sectional scheduling are often left on the white board in the band room. There is a requirement of 8 sectionals per quarter per ensemble that you are in. If you are in Symphonic Band, plus Jazz band, you need to go to 8 Symphonic band sectionals as well as 8 Jazz Band sectionals per quarter. The new music facility has several practice rooms for this purpose.

Practice Rooms and Instrument Lockers

The music wing is beautifully designed with many sound-proof practice rooms. Mr. Kim welcomes band students to come during lunch and after school to practice their music or just hang out with the other band students. The instrument lockers are located in the main hallway between the music wing and the theater. **Students who own their instrument must buy a lock and must obtain a music locker.** Please see Mr. Kim to check out an instrument locker.

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