



JENISON BANDS

8th GRADE PARENT NIGHT

Things to keep in mind about scheduling:

- Have a 4 year plan
- The Freshmen year is crammed, but students' schedules will free up significantly later
- Foreign Language may be taken toward the *end* of the HS career if the student does not intend to take 4 years
- A full year of a Fine Arts class is required - we recommend they meet that with Band!
- Online course offerings can help free up more space in your student's schedule

My Possible Four-Year-Plan High School Schedule

Classes aren't in any particular order. Printed courses are required courses.
Other than Decisions, all courses may be taken during any year.

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
(Zero hour*)				(none)
Period 1	Math	Math	Math	Math
Period 2	Lang. Arts	Lang. Arts	Lang. Arts	Lang. Arts
Period 3	Science	Science	Science	Social Studies
Period 4	Social Studies	Social Studies	Foreign Language	Foreign Language
Period 5	Band/Fine Arts			
Period 6	PE/Elective Sem 2		Decisions and another semester course	

HS Band Registration

- To sign up for a band class, simply select “Band” as one of your electives.
- In mid to late March, all current Jenison Band students grades 8-11 will audition for placement in Concert Band, Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony for the 2024-25 school year. Results will be posted for the students on Google Classroom, and the band directors will inform the counselors of each student’s placement.
- All HS band students begin the school year in band class 3rd hour, whether they are in marching band or not. After the fall season, Concert Band students “flip” to 6th hour, while Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony continue as 3rd hour classes.

Marching Band?

- Most 8th graders (and their parents!) will have a lot of hesitations about making this decision
- Students do not need to make a decision about Marching Band yet!
- We strongly recommend that students join the Marching Band in their *Freshman* year because of the tremendous social benefit

Benefits of being a JMB Member:

- Nationally recognized, award winning program at JHS
- Strong musical training
- Great physical exercise program (*Earned* PE Credit)
- Solid character education
- Time management/organization skills
- Positive peer group (cross-age learning)

Marching Band Facts

- *Schedule* - outlined in your materials
 - Summer: M/T June & July rehearsals - family vacations are excused. *Camp weeks are mandatory.*
 - During the school year: M & T 6-9, 4 Fri. Football Games, Saturdays (all day) - *All rehearsals are mandatory once the school year begins.*
 - The entire season schedule is now available at www.jenisonbands.org
 - It is possible to participate in both marching band and a fall sport!

Marching Band Facts

- *Cost - 2022 Fee was \$1100 (2023 was more expensive due to our Macy's trip)*
 - Volunteer credits may be earned to take \$100 off the fee (for a total *actual* fee of \$1000)
 - Payments are made monthly from April (initial deposit) through October
 - Many families are able to significantly subsidize the fee by fundraising
 - Especially freshman year, there are some additional expenses (for things like shoes, gloves, shako box, & the school instrument maintenance fee)
 - The MB Fee can be paid by check, or credit/debit card online

The \$CRIP Program

- \$CRIP is a year-round fundraiser
- Families earn money by purchasing gift cards for everyday items and services
- With a bit of planning/organization, families do very well with this fundraiser

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- A family that purchases \$150 in gas and grocery \$CRIP per week will earn back about \$3.50
- $\$3.50 \times 50 \text{ weeks} = \175
- \$CRIP is available for practically every major business in the area
- Entertainment / Restaurants, Car Washes, Back to School Shopping, Christmas Shopping

**\$CRIP is easily managed through
the RaiseRight mobile app.**

Pick up a “RaiseRight” flyer on your way out to get started!

VanAndel Arena Concessions

Working at VanAndel Arena has proven to be VERY lucrative for many JPS Fine Arts families!

Volunteers are often earning roughly \$100 per shift.

To get started, pick up a flyer on your way out, or:

- email jpsfineartsprograms@gmail.com, and/or

- join the Facebook group:

Jenison Fine Arts Van Andel Fundraiser



THANK YOU FOR COMING TONIGHT!