

# Band Procedures

1. **Before School-** Go directly to the Commons. At 7:50 you will be dismissed to your 1<sup>st</sup> Hour class. Go to the band room, place your instrument in your cubbie, proceed to your locker. If you hang out in the band room you may be eaten by a high schooler!
2. **Band Rehearsal-** Come in quickly and don't waste time. Smaller instruments (flute, oboe, clarinet, trumpet) will take cases to your chairs. Larger instruments will take your instrument out and place your case back in its place. You have 2 minutes from the time band begins to accomplish this or you are tardy and the full wrath of Mr. Mattsey will be upon you!
3. **Lessons-** Lessons are extremely important, and as such part of your grade. I will evaluate you as an individual player through Playing Tests and check offs of concert music. Lessons take place during 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Hours in the band room or the auditorium hallway. If the High School band is rehearsing, come in QUIETLY, take your instrument from its cubbie, proceed back out the door, and go to the auditorium hallway. I will be waiting with a huge smile on my face to hear you play wonderfully!
4. **After school-** After 9<sup>th</sup> Hour, go to your locker and gather your homework, then pick up your instrument from the band room. Instruments get very lonely at night so take them home!
5. **Practicing-** Be smart! Don't practice the whole notes or the whole song until the end. Find the measures that give you trouble, slow them WAY down until you can play perfectly 5 times, then speed up a little bit at a time. Make it a game. Take breaks during your practice like this- play for 10 minutes, go do something else, play for another 10 minutes, have dinner (rinse your mouth), play for 5 minutes. Try to practice a little each day so you consistently work on your skills and build strength. Don't make practicing a chore, make it fun!