

STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT 2017-2018 HANDBOOK

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Welcome to the Stevenson High School Instrumental Music Program!

As a member of the Instrumental Music Program you will be introduced to many traditions of excellence and goals that have been developed over many years. The Stevenson program has come to be known for its excellent level of expectations in attitude, leadership, musical excellence and high levels of performance in all ensembles. It is our goal that all students make lasting memories and have wonderful experiences while attaining the highest level of musical excellence.

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Stevenson High School – Daily Schedule

1 st Hour-	7:20 – 8:18
2 nd Hour-	8:24 – 9:21
3 rd Hour-	9:27 – 10:24
4 th Hour-	10:30 – 12:09
A lunch-	10:30 – 11:01 (Lunch)
	11:07 – 12:09 (Class)
B lunch-	11:30 – 11:01 (Class)
	11:07 – 11:32 (Lunch)
	11:38 – 12:09 (Class)
C lunch-	10:30 – 11:32 (Class)
	11:38 – 12:09 (Lunch)
5 th Hour-	12:15 – 1:12
6 th Hour-	1:18 – 2:14

Exam Schedule (Half Days)

7:15	First Bell
7:18	Warning Bell
7:20 – 8:49	1 st Exam
8:52	Warning Bell
8:55 – 10:24	2 nd Exam
10:24	Dismissal

Mr. Sekich’s Office Hours/Class Schedule

7:20 – 8:18	SHS Concert Band
8:24 – 9:21	SHS Jazz Band
9:27 – 10:24	SHS Symphonic Band
10:30 – 11:01	Lunch
11:07 – 12:09	Prep Hour
12:15 – 1:12	SHS Wind Ensemble
1:40 – 3:00	Davis 9 th Grade Band

The Philosophy of the Stevenson High School Instrumental Music Program

Through learning in class, our students will receive top instruction. Our students at Stevenson will learn to become:

Creative Problem Solvers who think critically and can make decisions through artistic modes in situations where there are no standard answers.

Culturally Aware Citizens who have a sense of history and an appreciation of the Fine Arts through multi-cultural experiences.

Humanistic Thinkers who have creativity, sensitivity and emotion.

Collaborative Workers who are confident, receptive to others' ideas and utilize peer input to develop and improve their interpersonal relationships within the framework of our classroom.

Ensemble Opportunities and Responsibilities

- *Concert/Symphonic Band*

The Concert and Symphonic Band is a FULL YEAR course designed to assist and develop high school musicians attain all aspects of their instrument and music theory. This class is comprised of Brass, Woodwinds and Percussion. This group will occasionally rehearse after school to prepare for concerts etc. Participation in this ensemble will result in mandatory graded performances, rehearsals along with concerts/Festivals scheduled throughout the year and participation at the UCS Graduation Ceremony in June. **Remember, you can receive a credit for Foreign Language by taking a BAND CLASS!**

- *Wind Ensemble*

The Wind Ensemble is an advanced group that is a FULL YEAR long course. This group is comprised of Brass, Woodwinds and Percussion and performs high level High School literature as well as college literature. **This group is audition only.** This group will occasionally meet after school and hold sectionals throughout the year. Participation in this ensemble will result in mandatory graded performances, rehearsals along with concerts/Festivals scheduled throughout the year and participation at the UCS Graduation Ceremony in June.

- Jazz Ensemble

The Jazz Ensemble is an advanced class that is a FULL YEAR long course. This group will sometimes meet after school and will attend multiple Festivals all year long. This ensemble focuses on improvisation and listening skills and all members are HIGHLY encouraged to listen to all different genres of Jazz. Music theory is heavily emphasized.

- Marching Band

The Marching Band rehearses after school at Stevenson multiple days a week until the second week in October. YOU MUST BE ENROLLED IN A MUSIC CLASS TO PARTICIPATE IN MARCHING BAND. THIS IS A UCS MANDATED RULE. The Marching Band attends camp one week at home in the summer and one week away in Traverse City Michigan to learn their show. If you are in Marching Band, please join the FACEBOOK 2016-2017 Stevenson Titan Marching Band page and request to be added. The band performs at all Home football games and home playoff games. **Marching Band is now available for a Physical Education credit!** If you would like to use this as your credit, please see Mr. Sekich for the form ASAP for the criteria.

Uniform information

Concert/Symphonic/Wind Ensemble classes:

All ladies will be issued a black dress. All ladies must wear black dress shoes, preferably flats. All men will be issued a black tuxedo. Men must purchase a white-tip tuxedo shirt for all performances, black dress pants, and black socks with black dress shoes.

Marching Band: All students, with the exception of the Colorguard, will receive a UCS Stevenson Titan Marching Band uniform. These uniforms are VERY expensive and must be well taken care of. If it is lost or damaged, it will be at the students/family expense.

All uniforms are dry-cleaned and paid for by UCS at the end of each school year. If the uniform needs cleaning during the year, it is the responsibility of the student/parent to make sure this is done.

Music Awards

- First year: At the end of the year, SHS Band Letter (if not already earned in Marching Band at the end of the season).
- Second year: Chevron service bar.
- Third year: Chevron service bar.

Audition Information

Auditions for all ensembles will take place in the spring of each year. Mr. Sekich will visit each Junior High and explain the details of the audition process. Mr. Sekich will also consult the Junior High Directors in regards to the audition selection process.

Banquet Information

Marching Band Banquet-Each Fall, the Marching Band will celebrate their season at a Banquet. Please see the web page for all dates and information.

Senior Banquet-Each spring a banquet is held just for 12 Grade Instrumental Music students and their parents/guardians. This is to celebrate their musical career throughout High School. Please see the web page for all dates and information.

Grading and Evaluation

The grading for Instrumental Music Classes at Stevenson High school is divided into the following categories. Percentages vary dependent on the quarter and ensemble.

Daily Participation

- Being prepared with your instrument and music every day, including reeds, sticks etc.
- Arrive on time to class and begin to get ready and warm-up no later than 2 minutes after the bell.
- Be seated when rehearsal begins with a pencil.
- Act mature and responsibly during rehearsals by not talking or using your cell phone in class unless instructed to do so. There is a NO TOLERANCE rule for cell phones during my class.

Individual Performance and Homework

- Come to class prepared with your part better than it was the day before.
- Playing checks with minimal to no mistakes.
- Participating in sectionals when scheduled.
- Practice at HOME. This is a must.

Performances

- Participation in all rehearsals, concerts and festivals.
- Arrive to all performances on time and in the proper uniform.
- Come prepared to all events, music, instrument etc.
- Play your part to the best of your ability.
- Follow all UCS rules after hours and at all off campus events.

*If you are absent from a performance due to an unexcused reason, you will be in jeopardy of receiving a failing grade. Instrumental Music is a performance based class, and you will be graded as such.

Attendance Policy

You are expected to be at all rehearsals and performances. **Work is not an excuse** for missing any scheduled rehearsal or performance.

School related conflicts-It is expected that students who choose to participate in activities or classes that have an after school practice/performance component will make every effort to completely fulfill their obligation to the group. In many cases, splitting the time equally between the two simultaneous activities is the best compromise. Graded academic activities, such as performances within the Arts will take precedence over non-graded extra-curricular activities.

School Related Athletics-Performances/games take precedence over practice/meetings. The student and/or parents should resolve practice conflicts by giving advanced notification to that student's coach. If possible, the director will make arrangements to limit the amount of practice time missed.

Emergency/illness

If you are suddenly ill and are in jeopardy of missing a rehearsal or performance, a PARENT must attempt to reach me by email within 24 hours of the missed event. This is still required if the student missed school that day. If I need to have a part covered, I need the time to teach another student that part.

It is in my best interest to do the best thing for your student. Communication is huge with me. Because our calendar is planned so far in advance and shared with all, I feel it is the student and parent's responsibility to work with that schedule to the best of their ability. We want our coaches and teachers to work together to give our students the best possible experience while they are attending Stevenson High school. If you have a conflict, you need to make the other coaches aware of it ASAP, not the day before.

Code of Conduct

Each person in the program here at Stevenson is a representative of our community, district and our School. Our code of conduct applies to all music activities in or out of uniform. We expect you to act in an appropriate manner including appearance, behavior and language. Students should be considerate of other students. All UCS school rules are always effect.

Private Lessons

Who should take private lessons? The answer is anyone that wants to improve and be the best they can be! If you are interested, please see Mr. Sekich. Private lessons are the SINGLE BEST THING you can do to encourage and develop your child's musical talent. There are a wide variety of GREAT instructors in our area!

Instrument Care and Responsibility

If you own your own instrument, it is your responsibility to make sure it is functioning properly. Mr. Sekich can assist with this in class. If you need repairs done, please see Mr. Sekich and he will do his best to get your instrument back to you, (possibly with a temporary loaned instrument), in a timely fashion. If you are using a school instrument you need to treat it as you own it! It is a very expensive piece of equipment, and must be treated with respect. If there is an accident, please report it to Mr. Sekich ASAP. If there is neglect on your part, you and your parents are responsible for the repair.

Instrumental Booster Organization

The Stevenson Band Boosters are some of the BEST people in the world. We can't survive without them. I highly encourage you to become involved with the group in whatever capacity you can. We need you! Your student needs you! Please feel free to contact any member of the Booster executive board listed on the website! www.shs-music.org

If you are not receiving our Titan Music Program emails, please visit our web page to sign up!

2017-18 Stevenson Titans Band Calendar

Important note for all bands: Mr. Sekich and the Boosters do their best to stick to this schedule, however you can expect that changes will be made as necessary to accommodate major school and community events that conflict as they are announced as the summer and school year go on. With a school as big and diverse as Stevenson, we are just not able to resolve every schedule conflict.

June 2017

Jun 14 W: First Practice for 2017-18 Marching Band, 12 – 2 pm MANDATORY

Jun 13-15 Tu-Th: Year End Exams, ½ days

Jun 15 Th: Last Day of School

Jun 22 Th: Drumline performs for Utica Bicentennial, time TBA

Jun 27 Tu: Section Leader / Drum Major leadership training at Mr. Sekich's house @ 6 – approx. 7:30 pm.

Bring a side dish to pass.

July 2017

Jul 9-15 Su-Sa: Drum Major Camp @ Central Michigan University

Jul 21 F: Rehearsal for performers at VGEF Golf Outing, 1 PM – 2 PM

Jul 22 Sa: Venture Global Engineering Golf Outing

Jul 27-29 Th-Sa: Sterlingfest fundraiser

Jul 31 M: Mandatory Stafferone / Chaperone / Staff training @ SHS, 6:30 PM

August 2017

Aug 2 W: Sectionals at SHS run by Mr. Sekich:

10 – 11am: Flutes/Clarinets

11am – noon: Horns/Alto Saxes

1 – 2pm: All Brass/Low Woodwinds

Aug 7 M: All Marching Band Payments MUST be made in full. Payments accepted all summer at:

2804 Arrowwood Ct., Sterling Heights 48314

Aug 7 M: Completed MHSAA Physical Form Due

Aug 7-11 M-F: Home camp at Stevenson, 8:30 am – 3 pm : Bag lunches M-Th

STUDENTS MAY NOT LEAVE CAMPUS

Aug 9 W: Final Marching Band shoe fittings, approx. 11 am

Aug 10 Th: Band Booster Meeting, 7 pm – meet chaperones/stafferones

Aug 11 F: Home camp tailgate, after 12 pm (tentative)

Aug 13-18 Su-Fr: Away camp at Lake Ann (estimated return time 6 – 8 pm on Fri)

Aug 29 Tu: Marching Band Rehearsal @ SHS, 5-7 pm. Parade Band and Pre-game for game

Aug 31 Th: Home football game vs. Warren Mott – call time 5:30 pm (THURSDAY – NO PREGAME FOOD PROVIDED – eat at home)

September 2017

Sep 5 Tu: First day of school

Sep 5 Tu: Full Marching Band Rehearsal, 6 – 8 pm (note end time)

Sep 11 M: Band Booster Meeting, 7 pm

Sep 12 Tu: Full Marching Band Rehearsal, 6 – 9 pm

Sep 19 Tu: Full Marching Band Rehearsal, 6 – 9 pm : Parent's Show @ 8:30 PM

Sep 22 F: Home football game vs. Macomb Dakota (Friday Night Lights w/ Jr. Highs) – Call time 4 pm

Sep 26 Tu: Full Marching Band Rehearsal, 6 – 9 pm

Sep 29 F: Home football game vs. Anchor Bay (Homecoming) – Call time 5 PM

October 2017

Oct 1 Su: Band-a-rama, @ SHS, Performances begin 6 pm – Noon call time
Oct 3 Tu: Full Marching Band Rehearsal, 6 – 9pm
Oct 8 Su: Mini Home Marching Band Camp at SHS, 10am – 4pm
Oct 9 M: Band Booster Meeting, 7pm
Oct 10 Tu: Full Marching Band Rehearsal, 5 – 6:30 pm – Last one (NOTE TIME)!
Oct 11 W: MSBOA Marching Band Festival @ Troy HS. Run the show after school, 6 pm call time @ SHS in full uniform. Two-way bus transportation; buy tix from Boosters please
Oct 12 Th: Half day of school / conferences
Oct 13 F: Home football game vs. Chippewa Valley (Senior Night) 5 pm call time for seniors performing music from Heart of a Hero. 6 pm call time for all others.
Oct 18 W: MSBOA Marching Band Festival Rain Date, Time TBA if necessary
Oct 24 Tu: Deadline for Solo & Ensemble registration and payments
Oct 25-26 W-Th: MSBOA All-State Band Auditions

November 2017

Nov 7 Tu: Election Day – no school
Nov 14 Tu: Band Booster Meeting, 7 pm
Nov 22-26 W-Su: No School – Happy Thanksgiving

December 2017

Dec 2 Sa & Dec 4 M: High School Honors Band rehearsal, time tba @ Dakota HS
Dec 4 M: Marching Band rehearsal for Winter Concert, 4 PM
Dec 5 Tu: High School Honors Band, time tba @ Dakota HS
Dec 5 Tu: FYI, Davis JHS Winter band concert, 7 pm in SHS auditorium (Mon 12/4 dress rehearsal)
Dec 6 W: Winter Holiday concert, 7 pm (includes Marching Band)
Dec 11 M: Marching Banquet, Century Banquet Center (Maple Lane n. of 14 Mile), 6:30 dinner
Dec 12 Tu: FYI, Jeannette JHS Winter band concert, 7pm @ JJHS
Dec 13 W: Band Booster Meeting, 7 pm
Dec 23 Sa - Jan 2 Tu: No school – Happy Holidays

January 2018

Jan 3 W: School resumes
Jan 8 M: Band Booster Meeting, 7 pm
Jan 13 Sa: MSBOA Middle/Jr. High School Solo & Ensemble Festival
Jan 13 Sa: MSBOA High School Chamber Ensemble Festival
Jan 15 M: No school – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 17 W: Cluster Concert in the Main Gym, 6 pm (Marching Band performs Homecoming music)
Jan 19-20 F-Sa: MSBOA High School Solo & Ensemble Festival
Jan 23 Tu: Deadline for State Solo & Ensemble registration and payments
Jan 24-26 W-F: Half days / First semester exams
Jan 27 Sa: MSBOA All-State Concerts
Jan 31 W: Jazz Concert, 7 pm

February 2018

Feb 1-3 Th-Sa: CMU Jazz weekend, Mt. Pleasant
Feb 13 Tu: Band Booster Meeting, 7pm
Feb 15 Th: Pre-festival Concerts; includes ensembles from SHS, DJHS, HJHS – approx. 4 pm start
Feb 17-25 Sa-Su: Mid-Winter Break, no school

March 2018

Mar 1-3 Th-Sa: MSBOA Middle/Jr. High School Band & Orchestra Festival (specific date(s) tba for DHIS/HJHS)

Mar 8-10 Th-Sa: MSBOA High School Band & Orchestra Festival (specific date(s), site(s) tba)-

One-way bus transportation

Mar 12 M: Band Booster Meeting, 7pm

Mar 17 Sa: MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble Festival

Mar 20 Tu: FYI, Jeannette Band Festival Experience concert, 7pm @ JJHS

tba: State Jazz Ensemble Festivals

Mar 24, Mar 26-27 Sa, M-Tu: MSBOA Middle School Honors Band/Jazz All-Stars Concert

Mar 30- Apr 8 Fr-Su: No School – Spring Break

April 2018

Apr 9 M: School resumes

Apr 11 W: Band Booster Meeting, 7pm

Apr 20 F: Tri-M Honor Society applications & service hours due

May 2018

May 7 M: Senior Banquet, Century Banquet Center (Maple Lane n. of 14 Mile), dinner at 6:15

May 8 Tu: Band Booster Meeting, 7pm

May 10-12 Th-Sa: Michigan Youth Arts Festival

May 12 Sa: Band Booster Golf Outing, Rammler Golf Club

May 18-20 Fr-Su: Tag Day Fundraiser

May 22 Tu: FYI, Davis JHS Spring concert, 7 pm in SHS auditorium (Mon 5/21 dress rehearsal)

May 23 W: Spring Concert, 7pm

May 25-May 27 F-Su: Band & Drama trip to Sandusky & Cleveland OH

May 28 M: Memorial Day – no school

tba: Senior Honors Night

June 2018

Jun 5 Tu: Band Booster Meeting, 7pm

Jun 6 W: FYI, Jeannette JHS Spring band concert, 7pm @ JJHS

tba: Graduation/Commencement ceremony

Jun 13-15 W-F: Half days / Second semester exams

Jun 14 Th: First meeting/rehearsal for 2018-19 Marching Band

Jun 15 F: Last day of school

***IF ANY OTHER PERFORMANCES COME UP, I WILL INFORM YOU ASAP. Thank you for your support!**

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TRI-M Music Honor Society



The Tri-M Music Honor Society is the international music honor society for middle/junior high and high school students. It is designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other students to excel at music and leadership.

Tri-M students must meet a minimum standard to be considered for membership. Chapter Advisors may increase these standards at their discretion.

Students will have the option of purchasing a National Music Honor Society Cord upon selection. They will be recognized at UCS Graduation in the program as well. The criteria is listed below. Once you are in the group, you must maintain the grades listed below. Constant leadership and service is required all year.

- Music Participation – Enrolled in a school-sponsored music ensemble and/or class for at least one full year.
- Academic Achievement – At least a B average in music courses and at least a C grade average in other academic subjects.
- Character Strength – Demonstrate leadership, service, and character in all activities.

2017-18 Student/Parent Contract

I have read the 2017-18 Instrumental Music Handbook and fully understand the expectations of the Stevenson Instrumental Music Program.

Printed Student Name : _____

Student Signature: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name : _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Address: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____

Adult Cell Phone: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

This must be turned in by September 8th, 2017 for a grade.

Thank you,
Mr. Sekich & Ms. Jensen