



Wildcat Bands

- Brass (Valves) Survival Guide -

Important reminders to help you get started!

All Band Members

1. Make sure you are in our Google Classroom.
2. Bring to every class (in-person & virtual): instrument, pencil, & folder.
3. All students are required to purchase “Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician.”
 - a. Please have this book in your possession by October 5th.
 - b. Vendor options are listed at www.ojrsd.com/mrhess.
 - c. Be sure to buy the version for your instrument.
4. Practice at home about 3-4 times per week.
 - a. Complete weekly Home Practice assignments (use Wednesday!)
5. Once we return to school in the building:
 - a. Full bands will rehearse during WIN period when it is safe to do so.
 - b. Info on instrument bell covers and mask requirements coming soon.

Trumpets, Horns, Baritones, & Tubas

1. Oil your valves at least once a week.
2. Keep your tuning slides greased. See Mr. Hess for help!
3. Do not empty your spit valves on the floor. Empty it into a trash can or sink as needed.