

2019-20 PEP BAND calendar and details

The JFH Pep Band is a one of a kind group among middle schools in our school system and the surrounding area. The JFH Pep Band meets after school, and includes 8th, 7th (and sometimes 6th graders, by invitation) who play music at home ballgames during basketball season. We play music, we cheer, we entertain the Hawk when it stops by our seats to say “hi”. Any 7th/8th grade Band member who is interested in being in the Pep Band should stay after school to learn the music during pre-season rehearsals. 6th graders will receive a personal invitation to join Pep Band, if Mrs. Brown feels like they are playing music at a level where they would enjoy and be successful in the group. Students who plan to play basketball, those who are JFH cheerleaders, and those who are still competing in cross country, volleyball and Marching Band can join Pep Band whenever their season ends, and the schedule allows them to; they can participate in Pep Band during the "off season" of other activities. Pep Band members who have performed at THREE basketball games, are also eligible to perform when Pep Rallies are held during the school day. Pep Band members use music lyres and flip folders to hold the music, see Mrs. Brown if you need one. You may borrow one, or purchase one. (percussion, horn, baritone and tubas DO NOT need lyres).

Pep Band practices end at 5:00pm, rides home use Band room door which is #8 in the back parking lot. During basketball season, all ball games are double headers, with game #1 starting at 4:30, and Pep Band members are released at the end of game #1 (5:45pm). Rides home should pick up at the Band room door at 6pm, unless you are staying to watch game #2; late pick up is at the gym doors at 7:15.

PEP BAND RULES/DETAILS

1. There are no auditions for Pep Band. All 7th/8th graders are welcome to join. In some cases, a 6th grader may also be invited to participate.
2. Keep up with your flip folder/music/lyre. You will be given these to use, please plan to return them or pay for them.
3. Keep up with the calendar of games/practices; get permission to stay, and arrange rides home, before you come to school.
4. Come to the Band room on the second bell, and get out your stuff. We will warm up/tune together, before we go to the gym.
5. At the ballgame, you are working starting 20 minutes before the game. We play before the game, and during time outs and between quarters during the game. We will take a break during the third quarter, and you can walk around, go to concessions etc.
6. Focus on the game, and cheer for our team! You may not “noodle around” and play on your instrument while the ball is in play. Stay off cell phones during the game.
7. Percussionists will transport equipment to and from the gym on a cart; all players are expected to help to move the drum set before and after the game. Secure the drums to your best ability (cymbals!), and push the cart carefully. If we break it—we are out of luck. NO RIDING THE CART.
8. When we leave to go to the gym, take your money, instrument and music with you. The Band room doors will be locked during the game. You do not have to attend every game, but it is helpful. Leaving early is difficult, since your stuff will be locked up in the Band room.
9. Our teams play “double header games”, one game at 4:30pm and the other approx 5:45. Pep Band plays only before/during the first game. Pick up time after a ball game is at the Band room door (#8) at 6pm, unless you plan to stay for game #2 (game #2 ends approx 7:15, with pick up at the gym doors, if you stay for game #2). Pick up time after practices is at the Band room door (#8, back parking lot) at 5pm. Please know when we end so your ride is here on time!