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Good evening parents,

      I apologize for not being able to be there this evening. I teach night classes at Central Piedmont Community College and could only cancel classes once, so I did so for the beginning of the year open house. Never the less, below you will find all of the points that I WOULD have covered at tonight's meeting. As always, if you have any questions are concerns, do not hesitate to call me at the email listed above or reach out through our Facebook page.

1) All students must have their instruments and accessories (reeds, valve oil, mouthpieces, sticks, etc…) in class every day in order to succeed.

2) Instruments MUST go home each and every night. This is CMS policy.

3) Each student MUST have a copy of our required band book even if they are using Smart Music Practice Software to complete home practice assignments. They are needed to be used in class.

    a. 6th Grade- Essential Elements Book 1
    b. 7th Grade- Essential Elements Book 2
    c. 8th Grade- Essential Technique (Also known as Essential Elements Book 3)

4) Grades are based on effort and improvement! There are two components to the overall grade.
    1) Daily classroom participation- Having instrument and ALL accessories EVERY day and ACTIVELY participating in class. (35% of Overall Grade) This also includes 10% for practice records and written homework. Practice Cards are either submitted on the paper home practice record sent home last week or submitted through Smart Music
    2) Tests, Quizzes and Performances- Both written and playing (65% of Overall Grade)

5) Home practice is REQUIRED of all Bradley Band students. Seventh and eighth graders will be required to practice at least ninety (90) minutes per week this quarter, while sixth graders will be required to practice at least sixty (60) minutes per week. Each student must complete AT LEAST three (3) practice sessions each week and no single session can last for less than twenty (20) minutes. These

requirements are designed to maximize each student's home practice time. Every week they can do extra practice for extra credit up to doubling their required time. This can help make up time on missed cards, or just give them extra credit to help offset lower formal grades. They must record this time on their practice log sheet, have it signed by their parent or legal guardian and bring it to me to be signed. I accept late cards until 4:15 pm on the last day of the week it is due. I do not accept practice cards after that point. I sign over the parent/guardian signature just so you know that they did indeed show me their card that week. A straight line through your signature or no mark over your signature indicates they did not show it to me the week it was due.

6) Band class is a performance based class. All concerts are required and are a MAJOR portion of the student's nine weeks grade. Students will be graded on preparation for the concert, concert attendance (including being seated and ready to play at the appropriate call time), and proper concert attire (band polo shirt and khaki pants). Tentative dates for this year's concerts are:
   a. Winter Concert (All Grades)- Monday, December 3rd
   b. Spring Concert (All Grades)- TBA Based on EOG Schedule for This Year

7) Good home communication is the key to success in school and in band. I have set up the following home communication tools so you can better keep track of what is happening in the band room.
   a.   Bradley Band Website- http://bradleymsband.weebly.com
   b. Band Boosters Facebook Page-
       www.facebook.com/groups/bradleybandboosters
   c. Band Information Line- 704-584-9080
   d. Email- rick.owens@cms.k12.nc.us
   e. Smart Music Bulletins- through home smart music subscription

8) **Please link or re-link (must be done each year) your Harris Teeter VIC card to the Bradley Band Boosters- #4002.**

9) Please save your Boxtops for Education for the Bradley Band. We have collection boxes in the front office and band room!!

   Thank you for coming out and being an involved parent!!!