



## Essential Guidelines and Benefits for a Successful Band Member

- ⇒ Be prepared! Have instrument at all rehearsals. Tuesdays and Thursdays are full band. Your band member will have a lesson during the week. Make sure he/she knows their days. If your instrument is in the shop being repaired, please send a note so I know where it is.
- ⇒ Have your instrument in playing order. This includes good reeds (not chipped/warped), oil, grease ,slide cream and a tag on the case. Drummers need their sticks. You can order any produce through me. Make checks out to MOSSVILLE BANDS, **not** me or Kidder!!!
- ⇒ Practice at least 10-15 minutes every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and once over the weekend. Members are encouraged to practice until they understand the concept. PLEASE ask your band member to play for you several times throughout the year. Your encouragement will only enhance their progress. Also, ask them to play at family functions or on holidays. You will be surprised at what they can do by Christmas break.
- ⇒ We would love to see you at the concerts. These concerts are the only events outside of the class day. They are mandatory! Your band member will receive a grade for band. If your band member cannot make the concert, please call or send a note as soon as you find out. The concerts are in the big gym at 7:00 p.m. They last about an hour. Please have students dress appropriately. Girls are asked to wear long skirts or pants with a nice top and boys are asked to wear nice dark jeans/slacks with a dress shirt of some kind. Please, no blue jeans.
- ⇒ It takes countless hours, hard work and patience to produce a successful individual and band. Students who give up to soon really miss out on the full benefits of music. Some do go through times of frustration, but please encourage them to continue. Memories will last forever!
- ⇒ Lastly, the benefits in band are numerous. Studies have shown that ACT and SAT scores in math and science are higher than students who did not participate in music. Students develop intelligence, society and life skills. A majority of students in the top twenty at Mossville and ten at IVC are in a music performance class.
- ⇒ If you have any questions, just give me a call or e-mail me at the school at [chapman\\_matthew@hotmail.com](mailto:chapman_matthew@hotmail.com)