

WELCOME TO THE SPRUCE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM!

Congratulations on joining a long-standing tradition of excellence in music education. For years, the Spruce Creek High School Instrumental Music Program has been a model for high school band programs in the state of Florida and throughout the country.



**We are excited that you have chosen Spruce Creek High School and know that
“The Tradition Continues” with you!**

The purpose of this handbook is to provide students and parents with valuable information and a framework for success in the Instrumental Music Program at Spruce Creek High School. If you have any questions regarding the material in this handbook, please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

“It’s a GREAT Day to be a Hawk!”

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COMMUNICATION

Effective communication is a critical component of the success of our program. Please ensure you stay up-to-date with any changes to our schedule by checking our Calendar of Events <https://www.creekband.org/events-and-calendar> regularly. *Additionally, we encourage both parents/guardians and students to join Remind to receive important updates and announcements in real-time.*

Remind

- **Band/Colorguard Freshmen Parents & Students**
 - Text message to “81010”
 - Body of message: @scband27
- **Band/Colorguard Sophomore Parents & Students**
 - Text message to “81010”
 - Body of message: @scband26
- **Band/Colorguard Junior Parents & Students**
 - Text message to “81010”
 - Body of message: @scband25
- **Band/Colorguard Senior Parents & Students**
 - Text message to “81010”
 - Body of message: @scband24
- **Color Guard Parents & Students**
 - Text message to “81010”
 - Body of message: @schswg
- **Orchestra Parents & Students**
 - Text message to “81010”
 - Body of message: @schsorches

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parent involvement is key to the success of our program! The role of a parent volunteer is to support the directors & their vision for the program by providing chaperones & finding ways to fund additional instructors, competitions, and trips. Attending monthly parent meetings during the school year also helps to keep families informed about upcoming band activities and volunteer opportunities.

Currently, we have many "large items" financial needs such as new uniforms and instruments that are not covered by the school. We encourage all parents to consider volunteering their time and providing community, business, and/or corporate contacts to help maintain the level of excellence of the Spruce Creek High School Instrumental Music Program.

Volunteering is a rewarding and fun experience that allows you to be involved in your student's lives & feel a deeper connection to the Spruce Creek HS community! Join us today!



STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Have all appropriate classroom materials in class
 - a. instrument in working condition
 - b. reeds, mouthpiece, cork grease, valve oil, sticks, mallets, mutes, etc.
 - c. all music in your assigned music folder
 - d. a pencil
 - e. finger chart
 - f. scale sheet
2. a metronome and tuner (can be an app on your smartphone!)
3. Be respectful to classmates, visitors, equipment, and the director always.
4. If "it" is not yours, leave "it" alone! It does not matter if someone told you that you could borrow "it." Unless you own "it" or have an agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Martin concerning "it", you are responsible for any damages to "it."
5. Be on time to all rehearsals and prepared to play all music. Being late to rehearsal or leaving rehearsal early will count as an unexcused absence from the entire rehearsal.
6. Do not bring any food, beverages, or gum in the band room **Exception: Water**



GRADING AND ATTENDANCE POLICIES

The success of our program is in direct relationship to students' attendance, both physically and mentally, in-class and at all required after-school functions. **Formative Assessments are tied to in-class activities, while Summative Assessments are tied required after-school functions & playing tests.**

In the event of an absence, a student may request an alternative assignment within **1 day of the student's return to school and can only request an absence once during a Nine Weeks' period.** The alternative assignment will consist of recordings of the student's current repertoire.

Parents & Students: Band/Orchestra/Color Guard is a TEAM SPORT!

When one student is absent or quits, the ENTIRE TEAM is affected & will fall behind. You have made a commitment to your classmates & you need to follow through with that full-year commitment!

Please uphold your commitment!

Members of the Spruce Creek High School Instrumental Music Program are expected to place attendance at all band performances and rehearsals as equal, if not greater, priority to any other activities. An absence shall only be considered excused if the absence is due to personal or close family member's serious illness, accident, or death. **These serious family emergencies will only be excused if the student's parent notifies Mr. & Mrs. Martin of the emergency as soon as possible and a doctor's note will be required.**

Marching Band & Winter Guard: An absence from rehearsal, whether it is excused or unexcused, **will result in losing the privilege to perform at half-time that week.** If a student has more than **TWO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**, the student will lose their spot on the field & **WILL RECEIVE AN F for the 1st Nine Weeks.**

Concert Bands & Orchestra: An unexcused absence from rehearsal **will result in a last-chair placement in the section.** If a student has more than **TWO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES WILL RECEIVE AN F FOR THE NINE WEEKS.**

Each week, student will be assigned:

- 20 Formative Assessments points per daily in-class rehearsal
- 25 Summative Assessment points for after school rehearsals
- 100 Summative Assessment points for performances
- 250 Summative Points for MPAs or Competitions
- Up to 10 Points for Playing Assignments & Tests

Grade Deductions:

Unexcused Tardy for after-school rehearsal	15 pts
Absence (excused or unexcused) from after school rehearsal	25 pts
Unexcused Tardy for MPA/Competition/Performance	100 pts
Absence (excused or unexcused) from MPA or Competition	250 pts
Unexcused Tardy for daily in-class rehearsal	10 pts
No instrument in class	20 pts
No instrument for after-school rehearsal	20 pts
Missing music, but have instrument in-class	10 pts
Missing music, but have instrument after-school rehearsal	15 pts



FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

It costs a great deal of money to keep a high school instrumental music program running! Instrumental Music programs in Volusia County do not receive funding from Volusia County Schools and therefore, it is up to the students and parents of these programs to make sure all students are able to have a comprehensive musical education. Due to the large cost of running a program of this size, an annual fee is assessed to each student in program. *If you have any suggestions for how you can help us save money, please contact Mr. & Mrs. Martin!*

All fees are non-refundable!

2023-2024 Fee Assessment	
Returning Band	\$350.00
New Band Students	\$400.00
Color Guard <i>\$300 for Field Season & \$400 for Winter Season</i>	\$700.00
Orchestra	\$250.00
Percussion	\$150 Marching/\$50 Concert
Instrument Rental	\$50 per semester
IB & Pre-IB Students	\$25.00

INSTRUMENT RENTAL

Large instruments, unique instruments, and percussion instruments are owned by the Instrumental Music Program and rented to those students to which they are assigned. The Instrument Rental is \$50.00 per semester. *We do not provide percussion sticks or mallets, mouthpieces, ligatures, or reeds.* Repair amounts cannot possibly maintain and replace instruments as they wear out. Therefore, *repairs to an instrument that breaks under a student's care will become their financial responsibility.*



FUNDRAISERS

Fundraising is a very important component of our program! Every year, it takes in excess of \$175,000 to run the Spruce Creek HS Instrumental Music Program. Since the program does not receive funding from the county or state, fundraising allows the program to keep the cost per student relatively low without sacrificing any of the programs we provide to every student.

Our fundraisers are split up into two categories: **Individual Fundraisers** which benefit an individual student and **Group Fundraisers** which help off-set the cost of the general costs of the program.

Individual Fundraisers- Football Program Ads

Starting in May, families are encouraged to reach out to local businesses and ask for sponsorship, in exchange for advertisement in our Varsity Football Program, which is sold at all Varsity Football Games. While there is a list of businesses we have worked with in the past year, we are always open to new sponsors! Ads range in price from \$50-\$1000; Students will be able attribute 50% of the total amount of ads sold back to their account. The other 50% is used to produce and print the football program. There is no limit on the number of ads a student can sell!

Group Fundraisers

Luminary Sales has been a cornerstone of the Spruce Creek High School Instrumental Music Program for the last 30+ years! During the first two Saturdays of December, our students & parents canvas the Port Orange, South Daytona, Daytona Beach Shores, & Ponce Inlet communities, selling luminary kits door-to-door. This past year, we raised over \$30,000, which will help to lower each students' fees this year by about \$150!

Because this is such a large undertaking, **all students AND parents in the Spruce Creek High School Instrumental Music program are REQUIRED to help with Luminary Sales, on both Saturdays and for the entirety of each day (8am-4pm)! Any student who does not attend the entire day will be charged \$100 per day missed- up to \$200 total. SAT & ACT testing is not an excused activity & students will still be charged a \$100 fee.**



ENSEMBLES



High Steppin' Hawks Marching Band

This is the ensemble that gets the most exposure! The High Steppin' Hawks provides the band with a sense of unity, in that many individuals work and function together for a common goal. *The High Steppin' Hawks performs at all Spruce Creek High School home football games, all in-county away football games, play-off football games, two adjudicated events (including Marching MPA), and school and community events, such as parades and pep rallies.* Everyone enrolled in a band program is a part of the Spruce Creek High School High Steppin' Hawks! *All students will be required to attend band camp in the summer, so that we can be prepared for our first football game of the year, which is the first week of school.*

Wind Ensemble

Wind Ensemble is a class that meets during the school day. In addition to meeting in class daily, Wind Ensemble will also meet every **Tuesday from 3:45-5:45pm, November through April.** Wind Ensemble will have quarterly performances, including FBA District 6 Concert Music Performance Assessment the first week in March and possible FBA State Concert Music Performance Assessment at the end of April. *Students in the Wind Ensemble will be required to audition for the Volusia All County Band in November, play in an ensemble at FBA District 6 Solo & Ensemble in February, and HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to play a solo at FBA District 6 Solo & Ensemble.*

Symphonic Band

Symphonic Band is a class that meets during the school day. In addition to meeting in class daily, Symphonic Band will also meet every **Thursday from 3:45-5:45pm, November through April.** Symphonic Band will have quarterly performances, including FBA District 6 Concert Music Performance Assessment the first week in March and possible FBA State Concert Music Performance Assessment at the end of April. *Students in the Symphonic Band are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to audition for the Volusia All County Band in November and play a solo or ensemble at FBA District 6 Solo & Ensemble in February.*

Concert Band

Concert Band is a class that meets during the school day. In addition to meeting in class daily, Concert Band will also meet every **Thursday from 3:45-5:45pm, November through April.** Concert Band will have quarterly performances, including FBA District 6 Concert Music

Performance Assessment the first week in March and possible FBA State Concert Music Performance Assessment at the end of April. ***Students in the Concert Band are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to audition for the Volusia All County Band in November and play a solo or ensemble at FBA District 6 Solo & Ensemble in February.***



Orchestra

Orchestra is a class that meets during the school day. In addition to meeting in class daily, Orchestra will also meet **after-school few times a year (please see calendar for those dates).** Orchestra will have quarterly performances, including FOA District 6 Concert Music Performance Assessment in Late February. ***Students in the Orchestra will be required to audition for the Volusia All County Band in January, play in an ensemble at FOA District 6 Solo & Ensemble in November, and HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to play a solo at FOA District 6 Solo & Ensemble in November.***

12 O' Clock Jazz Band (10th-12th Grade)

The 12 O'clock Jazz band is a class that meets during the school day. The Jazz ensembles will have quarterly concert but will also have various gigs around the greater Port Orange area. ***Students in the 12 O'clock will be required to audition for the Volusia All County Jazz Band. This is an audition group. Auditions will be held at the end of each school year.***

11 O' Clock Jazz Band (10th-12th Grade)

The 11 O'clock Jazz band is a class that meets during the school day. The Jazz ensembles will have quarterly concert but will also have various gigs around the greater Port Orange area. ***Students in the 11 O'clock will be encouraged to audition for the Volusia All County Jazz Band. This is an audition group. Auditions will be held at the end of each school year.***



Eurhythmics (Color Guard) (9th-12th Grade)

Eurhythmics is a class that meets 7th Period during the school day. *All students on the color guard are REQUIRED to be in the 7th period class.* In addition to meeting in class daily, Color Guard will also meet *after school every Tuesday and Thursday for the entire year.* The 1st Nine Weeks of the Color Guard class will be devoted to field guard (performing on the field with the marching band), while the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Nine Weeks will be devoted to winter guard. *All students enrolled in the color guard class are required to complete the full-year course, meaning they will be on field guard AND winter guard teams.*



AP Music Theory

AP Music Theory meets daily during 6th period. AP Music Theory is a full-year course that meets every school day. Students in this class will master the necessary skills to earn a passing score on the AP Music Theory Exam. These skills are equivalent to a college level Theory I and Ear Training course.

At the conclusion of the AP Music Theory course, students will be able to:

- Define basic musical terms.
- Hear and notate pitches, rhythms, meters, intervals, scales, triads, and seventhchords.
- Listen to and describe (written and verbally) music from the Western tonal era as well as jazz, contemporary styles, & world music.
- Take melodic and harmonic dictation.
- Compose a bass line for a given melody, implying appropriate harmony.
- Realize Roman numeral progressions and realize figured bass
- Sing diatonic melodies at sight in both major and minor keys.
- Analyze and compose in four-voice texture.
- Identify and compose using small forms and cadences.
- Identify motive, phrase and period structure.
- Modulate to closely related keys.

Pre-International Baccalaureate (IB) Music

All band, and orchestra students can participate in pre-IB music as their registered course. Pre-IB Music will give students IB/Honors level credits. Pre-IB music is available to all 9th and 10th grade students in the band program. The requirements to be in pre-IB Music are as follows:

- Payment of IB Music Fee
- Required to audition for All-County Band, All-County Jazz (*If in a jazz class*), All-County Orchestra
- Required to perform a solo at Solo and Ensemble Each February
- **HIGHLY recommend** that all students take two lessons a month with a professional on your instrument. **See directors for a list of recommended professionals**

International Baccalaureate (IB) Music

All band, and orchestra students can participate in IB music as their registered course. IB Music will give students IB/Honors level credits. IB music is available to all 11th and 12th grade students in the band program. IB Music classes will meet during your regular scheduled class time. Two days a week students will meet in the IB portable and will work on IB music projects. The requirements to be in IB Music are as follows:

- Payment of IB Music Fee
- Required to audition for All-County Band, All-County Jazz (*If in a jazz class*), All-County Orchestra
- Required to perform a solo at Solo and Ensemble Each February.
- **HIGHLY recommend** that all students take two lessons a month with a professional on your instrument. **See directors for a list of recommended professionals**

BAND CAMP SCHEDULE



During Band Camp, morning rehearsals will be held outside, and afternoon rehearsals will be held inside. Please make sure you dress to be outside in the heat (loose-fitting clothing, athletic shoes and socks, hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen!), and **drink a lot of water prior to rehearsal!** ***Band camp is REQUIRED for all students enrolled in a band class, so family vacations NEED to be planned AROUND band camp.***

1st Week of Band Camp: Monday, July 24th - Thursday, July 27th 8:00am-5:00pm
2nd Week of Band Camp: Monday, July 31st -Thursday, August 3rd 8:00am-5:00pm
Band Camp Performance/Parent Meeting and Ice Cream Social: Thursday, August 3rd 6:00pm

Weekly Marching Band Rehearsal Schedule (August-Beginning of November)

Marching band rehearsals start the first week of school and go through the end of October. Marching Band Rehearsals are Summative Assessments, so attendance is mandatory.

- **Tuesday 5-8pm *DRILL DAY***
 - **Drumline Practice EVERY TUESDAY 4-6pm**
- **Thursday 4-6:30pm *REVIEW DAY***
- **Friday (schedule varies) 5-11pm *FOOTBALL GAMES***

UNIFORMS

Students are fitted for all uniforms during Kick Off in May, except for tuxedos. Please see below for specific uniform requirements. All marching uniforms are stored at the school, while concert dresses will be given students who have paid or made payment arrangements.

Friday's In-School Band & Guard Uniform

Orange T-shirt
Solid Black Khaki Shorts



Football Games/Marching Band Performances

Orange T-shirt
Black Athletic Shorts
Mid-Calf Length Black Socks
Black Gloves
Chin-length or longer hair in a bun
NO Jewelry (this includes ear and nose piercings)
Marching Uniforms will be kept at school

Concert Band & Orchestra Attire for Female-identifying students

Black Concert Dress

Closed-toed Black Shoes

Stud earrings ONLY (No necklaces or bracelets)

Concert Band & Orchestra Attire for Male-identifying students

White Tuxedo Shirt

Solid Black Bowtie

Solid Black Vest

Black Tuxedo Jacket

Black Tuxedo Pants

Black Dress Shoes

Black Mid-Calf Length Socks

Stud earrings ONLY (No necklaces or bracelets)



Jazz Band

Solid Black Button-Down Shirt

Black Dress Pants

Black Closed-Toe Dress Shoes

Black Mid-Calf Length Socks

Stud earrings ONLY (No necklaces or bracelets)



EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

1. ***“If my parents were watching, would I be doing this?”***
2. For the security and safety reasons, ***the band room is off limits to students who are not enrolled in band, orchestra, or guard.***
3. The band room is open by 8am and available during lunch daily. Students may use the band room to practice or work on homework for other classes. ***Eating in the band room is prohibited.***
4. There will be zero tolerance for horseplay (running, jumping, screaming, climbing, etc.) in the band room. ***Mr. & Mrs. Martin will not be responsible for any injuries resulting in horseplay!***
5. Any instrument or piece of equipment that does not belong to you is strictly off-limits. ***If you break it, you buy it! Instruments can cost anywhere \$200-over \$10,000.***
6. ***Clean up after yourself!*** All chairs and stands must be put away after each rehearsal. Cases stay in lockers and book bags go against the walls.



Instrument Lockers

Lockers and locks are assigned to students so they will have a place to safely keep their instruments. We have more students than lockers, so not everyone will be assigned a locker. Lockers will be assigned according to the size and type of instrument. Any lost lock will result in a \$10.00 charge. ***Volusia County Schools are not responsible for any lost or stolen personal items.***

- Do NOT give your combination to another student
- Keep your locker always locked
- Students may NOT share lockers
- Food is NOT allowed in lockers
- Stickers, bumper stickers, pictures, etc., should not be placed on the outside of lockers

Bulletin Boards & White Boards

The bulletin boards and white boards must be checked daily for announcements and assignments. Besides Remind, this is the main method of communication between Mr. & Mrs. Martin and students.

Music & The Music Library

Marching Music (stands tunes, warm-ups, scale sheets, halftime music, etc.) will be handed out during Kick Off. Extra copies of music are at the front of the classroom. Please contact a librarian if your specific part is not available.

Students will be issued a folder for concert & jazz music. All music passed out in class must stay in that folder. ***Students are required to keep a pencil in their folder!***

Music is very expensive, and it is expected that you take great care of it! If any music is lost or damaged, you will be responsible for the replacement cost. ***Music will cost \$3.00 per sheet.***

STUDENT LEADERSHIP



The Spruce Creek High School student leadership is appointed at the end of each school year by the directors. The students in these positions help to take care of day-to-day operations of the band. These students are expected to maintain the highest standards of musicianship, leadership, and personal behavior both during and outside of school. ***Leadership appointments are a year-long commitment!*** The following officer positions may be available each year:

Band Captain:

- Serves as role model on his/her instrument, and in attitude, behavior, and commitment to Spruce Creek High School.
- ***Must attend a summer leadership camp***
- Presides as co-president of the Leadership Team, meaning they will run all weekly leadership meetings and be the liaison between Mr. & Mrs. Martin and other leadership members. ***These meetings will continue throughout the year.***
- Responsible for organizing and coordinating stretch-block and assist in teaching drill and marching fundamentals during marching season.

Color Guard Captain:

- Serves as role model on his/her instrument, and in attitude, behavior, and commitment to Spruce Creek High School.
- ***Must attend a summer leadership camp***
- Presides as co-president of the Leadership Team, meaning they will run all weekly leadership meetings and be the liaison between Mr. & Mrs. Martin and other leadership members. ***These meetings will continue throughout the year.***
- Assist with teaching marching fundamentals & drill
- Responsible for scheduling and conducting sectionals on AT LEAST a bi-weekly basis.
- Communicates with Drum Majors regarding attendance at sectionals, practices, and games.
- Responsible for making sure each member in their section has their equipment at every sectional, rehearsal, and game; and that the equipment is in good working condition.
- Maintains momentum and enthusiasm during rehearses and performances.

Orchestra President:

- Serves as role model on his/her instrument, and in attitude, behavior, and commitment to Spruce Creek High School.
- Highly encouraged to attend a music summer camp!
- Presides as co-president of the Leadership Team, meaning they will run all weekly leadership meetings and be the liaison between Mr. & Mrs. Martin and other leadership members.
- Responsible for organizing sectionals & social activities for Orchestra students.

Drum Major:

- Conducts the marching band during halftime and stands tunes.
- Serves as role model on his/her instrument, and in attitude, behavior, and commitment to Spruce Creek High School.
- ***Must attend a summer leadership camp***
- Presides as co-vice president of the Leadership Team, meaning they will run all weekly leadership meetings and be the liaison between Mr. & Mrs. Martin and other leadership members. ***These meetings will continue throughout the year.***
- Responsible for organizing and coordinating stretch-block and assist in teaching drill and marching fundamentals during marching season.
- Maintain accurate attendance records for each marching rehearsal.

Orchestra Vice President

- Serves as role model on his/her instrument, and in attitude, behavior, and commitment to Spruce Creek High School.
- Highly encouraged to attend a music summer camp!
- Presides as co-vice president of the Leadership Team, meaning they will run all weekly leadership meetings and be the liaison between Mr. & Mrs. Martin and other leadership members.
- Serves as the Orchestra Librarian

Section Leaders & Drum/Pit Captains:

- Serves as role model on his/her instrument, and in attitude, behavior, and commitment to Spruce Creek High School.
- Attends and actively participates in all officer meetings.
- Highly encouraged to attend a music summer camp!
- Assist with teaching marching fundamentals & drill
- Responsible for scheduling and conducting sectionals on AT LEAST a bi-weekly basis.
- Reports to the Drum Majors regarding attendance at sectionals, practices, and games.
- Responsible for making sure each member in their section has their instrument/equipment at every sectional, rehearsal, and game; and that the instrument is in playing condition.
- Maintains momentum and enthusiasm during rehearses and performances.

Quartermaster:

- Serves as role model on his/her instrument, and in attitude, behavior, and commitment to Spruce Creek High School.
- Attends and actively participates in all officer meetings.
- Highly encouraged to attend a music summer camp!
- Assists in fitting students for their uniforms at Kick Off.
- Responsible for uniform racks before and after the game.
- Assist students with properly caring & maintaining for their marching and concert uniforms.
- Assist Ms. Davis in the care and upkeep of the Uniform Room

Field Crew

- Serves as role model on his/her instrument, and in attitude, behavior, and commitment to Spruce Creek High School.
- Attends and actively participates in all officer meetings.
- Highly encouraged to attend a summer music camp!
- Maintains all marching equipment & ensures it is on the field for every rehearsal and performance
- Assists in the maintenance of the field throughout the marching season
- Assists the Field Crew dads with the loading & unloading of the trailer at away games and competitions
- Ensures that the stage is set up and torn down for each concert during that school year.

Band Librarian:

- Serves as role model on his/her instrument, and in attitude, behavior, and commitment to Spruce Creek High School.
- Attends and actively participates in all officer meetings.
- Highly encouraged to attend a summer music camp!
- Maintains the band library, including Solo & Ensemble music.
- Responsible for maintaining the extra parts at the front of the room.
- Responsible for copying parts for each ensemble.
- Puts away music at the end of each concert cycle.

2023-2024 SPRUCE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC HANDBOOK AGREEMENT

Parent/Guardian

I have read and understand the 2022-2023 Spruce Creek High School Instrumental Music Handbook. I realize that my son or daughter is **enrolled in a performance-based class for academic credit**, and I agree to uphold the policies and procedures of the Spruce Creek High School Instrumental Music Program, and not to use attendance at rehearsals or performances as a disciplinary tool. *I agree that my student and I will follow through with the full-year commitment of the course and fully participate in the activities outlined this handbook & one the Instrumental Music Calendar.*

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

CELL PHONE NUMBER

Student

I have read and understand the 2022-2023 Spruce Creek High School Instrumental Music Handbook. I realize I am **enrolled in a performance-based class for academic credit**, and I agree to uphold the policies and procedures of the Spruce Creek High School Instrumental Music Program and will inform my parents/guardians of all my instrumental music activities and events. *I will follow through with the full-year commitment of the course and fully participate in the activities outlined this handbook & one the Instrumental Music Calendar.*

NAME OF STUDENT

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

ALPHA CODE

2023-2024 SPRUCE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL PRE-IB MUSIC AGREEMENT

Student Name: _____

Alpha Code: _____

I understand that in addition to the class requirements of being in band or orchestra, as a Pre-IB Music student I must complete the following additional activities:

- Payment of IB Music Fee
- Required to audition for All-County Band, All-County Jazz (*If in a jazz class*), and All-County Orchestra
- Required to perform a solo at Solo and Ensemble Each February
- **HIGHLY recommend** that all students take two lessons a month with a professional on your instrument. **See directors for a list of recommended professionals**

Failure to do so will result in the lowering of the students' Pre-IB Music grade for that nine-week marking period. Both activities may incur a cost to the student for audition/registration fees and possibly piano accompaniment. Should the student not be able to pay the associated fees, they will be able to perform their All-County audition and/or solo for a director with no lowering of their grade provided this matter is communicated to the director at the time of registration.

Parent Name (Printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

2023-2024 SPRUCE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENT RENTAL FORM

Student Name: _____ Alpha Code: _____

Instrument Type: _____ VCS Code -OR- Serial Number _____

Check Out Date: _____

I understand that it is my responsibility to maintain this instrument for the year/semester. I will treat the instrument with EXTREME care and perform regular maintenance. Regular maintenance includes:

- Not allowing other students to use my instrument
- Putting my instrument in the case DAILY
- Wiping down keys DAILY
- Swab out my woodwind instrument DAILY
- Using Cork Grease AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK
- Wiping down and re-oiling valves AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK
- Wiping down and re-greasing slides AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK
- Washing my brass instrument MONTHLY
- Cleaning your mouthpiece/ligature WEEKLY

If my instrument is broken, I will see Mr. or Mrs. Martin IMMEDIATELY. I will also assume financial responsibility for an instrument that breaks under my care and take it to an approved repair shop.

Parent Name (Printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____