

# Autrey Mill Middle School Band Calendar 2023-2024

Date	Event Title	Classes/ Grades	Event Description	Location	Time
8/7/2023	6th Grade Music Orientation - Sign up For Band	6th	Students have an opportunity to learn about music programs offered at AMMS and register for one of those classes.	AMMS Band Room	During Connections 2:24PM - 4:05PM
8/17/2023	Jazz Band Rehearsals Begin	Jazz Band	Members of the AMMS Jazz Band will begin weekly morning rehearsals. This is an auditioned ensemble for 7th & 8th grade that meets weekly on Thursdays at 8:00AM. Students MUST attend ALL rehearsals.	AMMS Band Room	8:00AM - 8:45AM
8/23/2023	6th Grade Instrument Testing Night  (Required)	6th	An open-house style event for all 6th graders to test out all instruments in band. More information and handouts will be provided in preparation for this event and at the event. All 6th grade students need to attend to complete instrument testing.	AMMS Cafeteria	5:30PM - 8:30PM
8/19/2023	AMMS Fall Musical Auditions  (Optional)	6th, 7th, 8th By Audition	Students have the opportunity to audition for the after school musical production. ( <i>Matilda</i> ) This activity is optional, and you must sign up for an audition. Students are chosen through an audition process. See the bulletin board outside the Drama room for details.	AMMS Drama Room	9:00AM – 12:00PM by sign up only
TBA	7th grade Rehearsals	7th	All 7th Grade band students will rehearse together as scheduled in a combined instrument setting to prepare for upcoming concerts. Students are expected to attend rehearsals as scheduled.	AMMS Band Room C110	8:00AM - 8:45AM
9/13/2023	6th Grade Start Up Clinic  (Required)	6th	Time to get started on your instruments 6th graders! We will have guest clinicians for each individual instrument to get started on the right note! Instructors will start with set-up, care of instrument, and proper fundamentals. The amount of information covered in this one event will equal about 2 weeks of classroom instruction. All 6th graders are required to attend.	AMMS Band Room	2:15pm- 5:30pm
9/22/2023	8th Grade Band Night @ JCHS Football Game  (Required)	8th	This event is a required performance for all 8th grade band students. Students will become a member of the JCHS Marching Gladiator Band for one evening. Students will march in with the marching band, sit in the stands with the band during the game and play cheers and fight songs with the band. It will be a lot of fun! 8th grade students will experience what it is like to perform with the marching band.	JCHS	5:00PM - 10:30PMish
9/23/2023	Fulton County Marching Exhibition  (Optional)	All	The only opportunity of the year to hear all Fulton County marching bands in one event! A fun thing to do on a Saturday and a great event to expose your child to music outside of Autrey Mill.	Westlake HS	Starts at 5:30PM
9/26/2023	GMEA S&E Registrations Due  (Optional)	Qualifying Event: 7th, 8th, Experienced 6th	Students wanting to sign up for Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation should have all forms and money turned in by this date. This event is optional, but students are encouraged to participate!	AMMS Band Room	Due by 4:05PM
9/28/2023	JCHS Band Fall Concert  (Fine Arts Activity)	ALL	Come show your support for the Johns Creek High School Band. The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will be featured. This performance counts as a Fine Arts Activity.	JCHS auditorium	7:00PM
10/3/2023	GMEA All-State Registrations Due  (Optional)	Qualifying Event: 7th, 8th, Experienced 6th	Students wanting to sign up for All-State / District Honor Band auditions should have all forms and money turned in by this date. This event is optional, but students are encouraged to participate!	AMMS Band Room	Due by 4:05PM
TBA: October	Reinhardt Univ. MS Festival (Optional)	Qualifying Event	Students are selected by Reinhardt University from all over the state for the clinic based on previous band experience/knowledge of music and dedication to their own band program. Students participating in this event will spend this weekend in Waleska, GA on the campus of Reinhardt Univ. rehearsing and performing with a well-known composer or director. Students interested in applying for this honor must be nominated by Mrs. Smith. The nomination process will begin in Sept. Let Mrs. Smith know if you are interested in being considered.	Reinhardt University - Waleska, GA	
10/17/2023	AMMS Band Fall Concert  (Required)	7th, 8th, Jazz Band, all in audience	7th Grade Concert Band, 8th Grade Symphonic Band, and the AMMS Jazz Band will perform their Fall Concert. Students must stay for the entire event to be a performer and an audience member for other groups. Attendance is mandatory for 7th & 8th grade students and other students are strongly encouraged to attend to hear some great music. Students should arrive at 5:30PM to unpack and prepare for warm-up. Warm-up begins at 5:45PM. The concert begins at 6:30PM. Students will wear the required full uniform: white AMMS Band polo, black pants, black belt, black socks, black dress shoes. Students not in full uniform may not be allowed to perform.	AMMS Gym	6:30PM

10/26/2023	JCHS/AMMS Trunk or Treat Rehearsal-Event		Halloween Event with JCHS Band	JCHS	5:30-7:30PM
TBA: October / November	Reinhardt Univ. Etude Prep Day  (Optional)	Qualifying Event	Students auditioning for the GA All-State Band/District Honor Band auditions can take advantage of a great preparation event at Reinhardt Univ. Professors and teachers will help prepare students for the audition, provide feedback, and helpful audition tips as they work through the etude and audition process. Students interested should see Mrs. Smith for more details.	Reinhardt University - Waleska, GA	
11/4/2023	GMEA Solo & Ensemble "Fall"  (Optional)	7th, 8th, Experienced 6th	Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation is a way for individual students to showcase their talents. Students may perform alone or in small groups for judges who give them scores and comments. Applications for registration must be submitted by September 26th.	Webb Bridge Middle School	Performance Times TBA
11/10/2023- 11/11/2023	AMMS Fall Musical Production (Fine Arts Activity)	ALL	AMMS Fall Musical Production: <i>Matilda</i> Come support our talented AMMS thespians/musicians. Tickets should be purchased in advance.	JCHS Theater	7:00PM
11/13/23- 11/14/23	Fulton County HS Honor Band / Orchestra (Fine Arts Activity)	ALL	Come show your support for the finest HS musicians in Fulton County. This performance counts as a Fine Arts Activity.	Centennial HS	
11/16/2023	6th Grade "First Sounds" Concert  (Required)	6th, Jazz Band	6th Grade Premier Concert!!!!!! We can't wait for you to hear how far the students have come in a few short weeks after starting their instruments. This demonstration concert will give you an inside peak into how band rehearsals are structured inside the band room each and every day. 6th Grade students should arrive in the Band Room at 5:40PM to unpack their instrument and get ready for warm-up. Warm-Up begins at 5:45PM. The performance begins at 6:30PM in the Gym. We ask all students and parents to assist at the end of the concert with clean up and moving equipment. Thank you in advance for your help! Students will wear the required full uniform: white AMMS Band polo, black pants, black belt, black socks, black dress shoes. Students not in full uniform may not be allowed to perform. Please let me know in advance if there are issues acquiring uniform parts.	AMMS Gym	6:30PM
12/7/2023	JCHS Band Winter Concert  (Fine Arts Activity)	ALL	Come show your support for the Johns Creek High School Band. The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will be featured. This performance counts as a Fine Arts Activity.	JCHS auditorium	7:00PM
12/9/2023	GMEA All-State Band Auditions Round #1 / District Band Auditions  (Optional)	Qualifying Event	Students from all over Fulton County, Atlanta Public Schools, and many surrounding private schools will have the opportunity to audition for the District Honor Bands and qualify for the second round of All-State auditions. Students will receive audition materials in class. I will provide more information and paperwork as it comes available. Students have to sign up for this event by October 3rd. Audition materials can be found on the GMEA website at <a href="http://www.gmea.org">www.gmea.org</a> under the All-State tab.	Elkins Pointe Middle School	Audition Times TBA
12/6/2023	AMMS Winter Concert (Required)	7th, 8th, Jazz Band, all in audience	The best way to get into the holiday spirit is to join us for this combined music department holiday concert featuring the 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band, Jazz Band, and Orchestra. It is a wonderful evening of music. Students should arrive at 5:30PM to unpack and prepare for warm-up. Warm-up begins at 5:45PM. The concert begins at 6:30PM. Students will wear the required full uniform: white AMMS Band polo, black pants, black belt, black socks, black dress shoes. Students not in full uniform may not be allowed to perform.	AMMS Gym	6:30PM
12/8/2023	AMMS Jazz Band/Chorus Holiday Tour to Feeder Schools	Jazz Band	AMMS Jazz Band/8th Grade Chorus travel to feeder elementary schools to present varied holiday repertoire.	Johns Creek	During School Day

12/7/23-12/9/23	UGA Midfest (Optional)	Qualifying Event	Students are selected by the University of Georgia from all over the state for the clinic based on previous band experience knowledge of music and dedication to their own band program. Students participating in this event will spend this weekend in Athens rehearsing and performing with a well-known composer or director. Students interested in applying for this honor must be nominated by Ms. Smith. The nomination process will begin in early September. Let Ms. Smith know if you are interested in being considered.	UGA- Athens, GA	
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1/5/2024	Band Yearbook Photos (Required)	6th, 7th, 8th, Jazz Band, S&E, All-State, DHB	All large and small ensembles will be photographed for the AMMS Yearbook. Students will wear their Band uniform for pictures. A schedule of pictures times will be posted for all performing groups.	AMMS Band Room	All day during school hours.
1/6/2024	GMEA All-State Band Auditions Round #2 (Optional)	Qualifying Event	Students who received a high enough qualifying score at the December audition will be auditioning this day to be selected as a member of the Georgia All-State band. Best of luck!!!	Union Grove MS	Audition Times TBA
2/2/24-2/3/2024	GMEA District 5 Honor Band (Optional)	Qualifying Event	The audition for this band is in December (applications must be submitted by September 28th) and on the pre-selected material of All-State Band auditions. If selected a group of students from our district spend a Friday and Saturday at Johns Creek HS to rehearse and perform with other students selected for this event. The concert performance will be Saturday evening. Students in this ensemble represent the best middle school musicians in our district. More information will be released to participants as it becomes available.	Alpharetta HS & John's Creek HS	All Day
2/9/2024	AMMS Concert Band Clinic for LGPE (Required)	7th, 8th	Students will have guest clinicians for each individual instrument and a clinician for the full band. Students involved in LGPE must attend this clinic which includes all 7th & 8th grade students. The amount of material covered in this event will equal about 2 weeks of classroom instruction. Dinner will be served in between sectionals and full band rehearsals. This clinic is in lieu of a standard concert performance.	AMMS Band Room	4:15PM-9:30PM
2/27/2024	AMMS/JCHS Band Pre-LGPE Concert (Required)	ALL	Come show your support for the Johns Creek High School Band. The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will be featured.	JCHS auditorium	7:00PM
2/29/2024-3/2/2024	GMEA All-State Event (Optional)	Qualifying Event	This outstanding ensemble consists of the best middle school band musicians in the State of Georgia. To be selected students must register and audition for All-State auditions. Students with a qualifying score in December then move on to the second round of auditions in January. If selected for the GA All-State Band, students will spend a weekend in Athens, GA to rehearse and perform.	Classic Center- Athens, GA	All Day
March TBA	5th Grade Visits (Required)	7th, 8th, Jazz Band	Members of the AMMS Band program will perform for visiting 5th grade students that are rising 6th Grade AMMS students.	AMMS Cafeteria	9:00AM
3/6/2024-3/8/2024	GMEA LGPE Event (Large Group Performance Evaluation) (Required)	7th, 8th	This performance evaluation event is for school bands across Fulton County, Atlanta Public Schools, and surrounding private schools. Each ensemble will perform three selections from our state-approved list for a rating. A panel of judges will listen and evaluate the bands for overall scores on both the prepared stage performance as well as sight-reading.	Chattahoochee HS	TBA
3/8/2024-3/11/2024	Orlando Fest – Universal Trip (Optional)	8 <sup>th</sup>	Join us to hear the progress our beginning musicians have made in a concert starring our 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band students! Hear the 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade band students perform their LGPE music and receive a critique on their performance before participating in the GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation event.	AMMS Gym	All Weekend
3/14/2024	Concert in the Café' (Required)	Jazz Band/ Chamber Orch.	This evening's concert will consist of the AMMS Jazz Band and small chamber ensembles from the AMMS Orchestra.	AMMS Cafeteria	6:00PM
4/13/2024	District V Jazz Festival (Required)	Jazz Band	All-day festival for the AMMS Jazz Band	Cambridge HS	All Day

4/20/24	GMEA Solo & Ensemble "Spring" (Optional)	7th, 8th, Experienced 6th	Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation is a way for individual students to showcase their talents. Students may perform alone or in small groups for judges who give them scores and comments.	Taylor Road Middle School	Performance Times TBA
4/25/2024	JCHS Band Spring Concert (Fine Arts Activity)	ALL	Come show your support for the Johns Creek High School Band. The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will be featured. This is a great to see what our students have to look forward to next year as our AMMS Lions transition to 9th grade to become JCHS Gladiators! This performance counts as a Fine Arts Activity.	JCHS Auditorium	7:00PM
5/8/2024	Johns Creek High School Fine Arts Signing Day	JCHS Seniors	A day to recognize ALL graduating Seniors pursuing a degree in music, college scholarship recipients, or continuation into performing ensembles/marching band in college after graduating from high school.	JCHS	TBA
5/11/2024	District 5 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Band (Optional – Nominations)	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Select students from each 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band program in District 5 are chosen to come together to attend a music clinic with a guest conductor and perform a concert. The format is similar to District Honor Band but only open to students in their initial year of instruction. Students have an opportunity to showcase their skills after being selected through a nomination process. A performance at the conclusion of the event will be open to the public. Students will receive lunch and a performance t-shirt.	Roswell High School	ALL DAY
5/15/2024	AMMS Band Spring Concert (Required)	6th,7th,8th, Jazz Band	Come hear our year-long progress! This event is the culminating concert for the spring semester and attendance is mandatory for all AMMS Band students. Students are expected to remain for the entire performance. Students will complete an evaluation of their performance as well as the other ensembles. Students should arrive at 5:30PM to unpack and prepare for warm-up. Warm-up begins at 5:45PM. The concert begins at 6:30PM. Students will wear the required full uniform: white AMMS Band polo, black pants, black belt, black socks, black dress shoes. Students not in full uniform may not be allowed to perform.	AMMS Gym	6:30PM
TBA: May	AMMS Jazz Band Auditions for 2023-2024	6th & 7th Grade	Students wishing to be a part of the 2023-2024 AMMS Jazz Band will be able to audition for the ensemble.	AMMS Band Room C110	TBA