

Feeder School Band Class Syllabus

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Class Description:

Students in band are provided with a balanced comprehensive study of music. Instruction is designed to enable students to connect, examine, imagine, design, extend, refine, and integrate music study into all areas of academic life. Ensemble and solo activities are designed to develop elements of musicianship including, but not limited to:

- (1) Tone Production
- (2) Technical Skills
- (3) Intonation
- (4) Music Reading Skills
- (5) Listening Skills
- (6) Analyzing Music
- (7) Studying historically significant styles of literature

Experiences include, but are not limited to, improvising, conducting, playing by ear, and sight-reading. Students are given opportunities to develop the ability to understand and convey the composer's intent in order to connect the performer with the audience. **Time outside the school day may be scheduled for dress rehearsals and performances. Students are required to participate in these performance opportunities outside of the school day that support and extend learning in the classroom. Band is a two semester commitment.**

Required Materials for Class:

1. Instrument & their respective supplies (reeds, oils, greases, cleaning swabs/cloths)
2. Band Method Book (for your respective instruments)
 - 5th – Essential Elements Book 1
 - 6th & 7th – Essential Elements Book 2
 - 8th - Essential Elements Book 3
3. Binder, divider tabs, and sheet music (Students must replace lost binders)
4. Pencil (to remain in binder)

Grading Scale:

A	96-100%	C+	83-85%	F	69% and below
A-	94-95%	C	80-82%		
B+	91-93%	C-	78-79%		
B	88-90%	D+	76-77%		
B-	86-87%	D	70-75%		

Grading Composite and Description:

In Class Participation (10 points per day): 30%

- No instrument will result in a loss of 5 points.
- No binder/pencil will result in a loss of 5 points.
- Points will be deducted for poor behavior and lack of participation in class.

Completion of Quarterly Objectives: 40%

- Quarterly Objectives are found in Section 1 of the binder. Objectives must be checked off by the director.

- Objective sheet grades are based on the number of completed lines, with each objective receiving equal weight.

Weekly Practice Records: 20%

- 60 minutes of practice at home are required each week.
- A quarterly practice sheet will be kept in Section 1 of the binder. Parents must sign the record each week, but only after the student has completed the form.

Concerts and Dress Rehearsals: 10%

- Concerts and Dress Rehearsals are required events and will result in a loss of points if not attended.
- Any student unable to attend the dress rehearsal because of another performance or event must have written permission from the parent. These students will be given an alternate assignment to fulfill this requirement.
- Absence at a concert will only be considered an excused absence if it meets the requirements of a school absence.

Wednesday, December 5th, 2018 Feeder School Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 - Dress Rehearsal

- The feeder school band a concert in the Mater Dei Auditorium.
- The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- More detailed information is included on the Junior Band Schedule.
- Each school band may also participate in its' own school's Christmas Concert. Dates and times are TBA.

Wednesday, April 17th, 2019 Feeder School Band Spring Concert

Tuesday, April 16th, 2019 - Dress Rehearsal

- The concert will be held in the Mater Dei Auditorium.
- Concert begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Report times are as follows: 5th - 6:00 p.m. 6th – 8th - 5:45 p.m.

Concert Dress:

Dress code for school concerts will be:

Boys: White dress shirt or polo (school polo acceptable), black slacks (no jeans), black belt, and black dress shoes.

Girls: White blouse or polo (school polo acceptable), black skirt (knee length or longer) or slacks, and black dress shoes.

DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

RATIONALE

Our band program is almost exclusively funded through membership fee collection and band booster fundraising events. These fees not only ensure that we are able to have a successful and productive year but also ensure the future of this organization. The directors and boosters have gone to great lengths to minimize the amount of time, effort, and money that is required of students and parents of this organization to help run our program. **Any fees or fundraising asked of members of this program are done because it is believed that they are necessary and will greatly enhance the program.**

Students that fail to meet the financial needs placed on them by this program, without reasonable explanation, are subject to exclusion or removal from the activity and/or program by the discretion of the director(s) despite their musical ability level. If you are unable to meet your financial obligations in any way, you must notify the director(s) so that they may understand and attempt to help you as much is reasonably possible. Both the director(s) and band booster cabinet will handle your situation discreetly and objectively and ***will make every effort*** to allow you to stay in the program.

FEEDER SCHOOLS BAND FEES FOR THE 2018-2019 YEAR WILL BE:

\$150 per School Year

All feeder school band students will receive a statement from their respective schools regarding their fees at the end of September. *Fees should be paid by the due date on the bill. Checks should be made out to the **Feeder School** your child attends and should include the student's name, grade, and school on the subject line.* Any student that begins a school year in band will be charged for a full year.

FEEDER SCHOOL INSTRUMENT RENTAL FEES FOR THE 2018-2019 YEAR WILL BE:

\$75 Per Year (Only if renting an instrument from Mater Dei)

A limited number of instruments are available for rental to feeder and high school band students. Please speak to a director regarding their availability. Students are expected to treat these instruments with utmost care and will be responsible for any damage due to negligent behavior. Mater Dei is responsible for routine maintenance. A contract must be filled out and returned to the directors within one week of receipt. *Checks should be made out to **Mater Dei Band Boosters** and should include the student's name, grade, and school on the subject lines.*
