**Junior High Band Syllabus**

**2016-2017 School Year**

**Class Description:** Students in this class are expected to

* Play in all major concerts during the school year
* Learn more advanced musicianship skills
* Perform a varied repertoire of music
* Have fun!

**Grading**

A You miss 3 or fewer days of class and have all three of your lessons in

B You miss 4-5 days of class or miss one lesson

C You miss 6-7 days of class or miss two lessons

D You miss 8-9 days of class or miss all three lessons

F You miss 10 or more days of class and miss all three lessons

**Lessons**

Requirements:

1. You must sign up for three lessons every quarter. Each lesson must be at least one week from the last one.
2. All lessons will be set up individually unless Mrs. Hovland has given you permission to sign up with a friend. Your friend must have a similar instrument as you (ie. Clarinet/saxophone or trombone/baritone).
3. Lessons will be available at the following times:
   1. Before school at 7:35am (M & F)
   2. \*\* 3rd Hour on Choir Days at 9:45 & 10:05am
   3. Homeroom time
   4. After School at 3:05pm (M-Th)
   5. Bruce Piersol will also be in to help students during band class – this will also count as a lesson.

*\*\* This lesson time is for students NOT in choir*

**Daily Participation**

Each class day is worth 10 points. You will earn all 10 participation points if you participate to the best of your ability, have all your materials for class and have a good attitude. You will lose points by being disruptive, not having supplies (reeds, oil, etc.), are not following the class rules or have a poor attitude during class. .

You will be allowed to miss 3 days of class before make-up will be required. If you miss 4 or more days of class, your grade will be reduced by 1 letter grade for every two days missed unless it’s made up.

**Concerts**

BE THERE! If you miss a concert, your grade will be reduced by two letter grades until it is made up, so don’t miss them! If you do miss a concert, you will have two weeks to make it up or you will earn a ‘0’.

**JH Concert Dates**

See Concert list on back page

Unless otherwise stated, I would like all band students at the school 45 minutes before the event starts (ie. 6:15pm for concert nights). This gives us time to tune, warm-up and go over last minute details before we start.

**Extra Credit**

I would like every one of you earn an ‘A’ in band, so please take advantage of these opportunities! These will only make up for missed days in class – NOT lessons!

However, if you attend THREE (3) pep bands and try to play with the group,that will make up for one lesson.

To make up for 1 missed day of class, you may do the following:

* *Go to any type of concert*
* *Write a one page (double spaced) essay on a musical composer*
* *Sort through, organize and stamp 3 pieces of music*
* *Complete a Music Theory worksheet with at least 85% accuracy*
* *Play in the Pep Band*

To make up for 2 missed days of class, you may do any of the following:

* *Come in for an extra 20 minute lesson*
* *Perform in the community (ie. Church, talent show, etc.)*
* *Go to a band/choir/ensemble concert or attend a musical*
* *Write a 2 pg*. *essay (double spaced) on a musical composer or performer*

To make up for 3 missed days of class, you may do the following:

* *Perform a solo or ensemble piece for a concert*
* *Come in for an extra 30 minute lesson*
* *Compose a piece of music at least 30 measures in length using specific guidelines (see me for more information)*
* *Take part in an Honor Band or Festival*

**Other Concert Opportunities (for extra credit – this will make up for a missed lesson!)**  
 MBDA Regional 7th -12th Grade Honor Band: Sat. Jan. 21st

Mahnomen 7th – 8th Grade Honor Band: Friday, March 31st

**Fundraising**

1. Wreath Fundraiser
   1. This fundraiser is used to raise money for the Individual Student Fundraising Accounts and can only be used for the Big Trip taken every 4 years in Senior High Band & Choir. If you are no longer in a large performing group, the money earned through that account will be transferred to the general trip fund to be used for the overall cost of the trip.
2. General Fundraising
   1. All Junior High students will participate in a Dinner & Music Concert Fundraiser each year. The money raised through this fundraiser will go toward the upcoming Big Trip each year and will help cover the overall cost of the trip.

**Rules of the Classroom**

* Be kind, courteous & respectful at all times!
* NO CELL PHONES!! If I see them in class, I will take them away.
* No food or drinks are allowed in the music room (except water).
* Please be ready to play 3 minutes after the tardy bell rings – if you are not ready by then, you will earn a Tardy.
* Please use the restroom before coming to class, or ask to go BEFORE the tardy bell rings. Anyone that asks after that will not be permitted to leave, unless it’s an emergency.
* You must have a pencil to mark your music – **NO PENS OR MARKERS!!!!!**
* No Gum will be tolerated. It makes your instruments sticky on the inside, which will eventually turn into MOLD. I will give one warning at the beginning of the year – after that, a detention will be earned.
* You must have extra working reeds or oil at all times.

\*\*CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES:

***All inappropriate behavior will result in school detention and a reduction in grade!***

**Materials Needed**

***Woodwinds:*** Please have at least 3 working reeds in your case at all times (a box of 10 reeds would be preferred). I have reeds for you to buy if you need – they are $2 each.

* 7-9th graders should have a Rico, La Voz or Vandoren 2 – 2 ½ (medium soft/medium reeds)

***Brass:***You must have your own bottle of valve or slide oil - Yamaha or Holton are good brands to buy. I have valve oil for $4 each if you’d like to buy a bottle from me. Slide grease & additive (recommended for Trombone players) is $6.

***Percussion:***You must supply your own pair of drumsticks. It wouldn’t be a bad

idea to have an extra set handy as well. Vic Firth or Pro Mark 5A sticks are great ones to purchase.

**Instrumental Music Fees:**

If you are using a **school instrument\*\***, you will be required to pay the instrument fee and sign the instrument rental form. **NEW THIS YEAR: You will be required to pay for any and all repairs needed for your school rental instrument throughout the year.**

Grades 7-12 school instrument fee - $45\*\*

Percussion, Grades 5-12 - $35

\*Sticks are not included in the percussion fee

*\*\*Instrumental rental fees are not applicable if you are using a school instrument upon request. For example, you do not need to pay this fee if you started on alto sax and switched to tenor or bari sax. The same goes for clarinet to bass clarinet, doubling on instruments for jazz band, etc. However, you* ***WILL*** *need to pay repair costs to fix any damages to the instrument while in your care.*

**Music Department Concert Requirements**

1. Attendance at all concerts is required!
2. **ANY** absence must be pre-approved by your director (s) – this means a note or a phone call from your parent/guardian **BEFORE** the concert date. Excused absences will be decided on a case-by-case basis.
3. All *excused* absences must be made up within 10 school days or your grade will drop 2 whole letter grades (ex. A becomes a C)
4. All *unexcused* absences must be made up within 10 school days or your grade will drop 3 whole letter grades (ex. A becomes a D).
5. All SH music students will be required to help with set-up and take-down during the year.
6. You MUST stay for the entire concert unless you’ve been excused by the director(s).
7. Appropriate dress will be worn.

**Performance Criteria**

1. On time (including warm-ups and tuning)
2. Appropriate materials (music, instrument, reeds, etc)
3. Contributing to a GREAT performance
4. Individual part learned at a proficient level
5. Appropriate Concert Dress

**Concert Attire**

***Ladies:*** Please wear a nice top and dress pants/skirt or an appropriate dress. Shirts/blouses must cover your shoulders, mid-rifts, and cleavage (front and back)! If you plan to wear a skirt or dress, it must cover your knees when you are seated in playing position. Flip flops and tennis shoes will not be allowed.

***Gentlemen:*** Please wear a dress shirt, dress pants, dress shoes (not tennis shoes or sandals/flip flops). If you have a tie, please wear that as well. Make sure you do not wear WHITE socks or shoes if you are wearing dark pants – we don’t want you looking like the Blues Brothers. ☺

**Concert Make-Up**

*Excused Absence:*

1. Perform your concert pieces for your director(s)
2. Type a 4 page (double spaced) paper on the music from that concert

*Unexcused Absence:*

1. Perform your concert pieces for your director(s)
2. Type an 8 page paper on the music from that concert

*If you have any questions or concerns regarding this syllabus, please feel free to call or email me at the school.*

This information will also be available on the NEW band website! Please check it out at redlakefallsband.weebly.com

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**Students** – Please have this slip signed and turned in along with any fees you may need to pay by Friday, September 9th! Your grade will stand as an incomplete until this page and your band fees (if applicable) are turned in. You also need to sign the back!

*5-12 Percussion Fee: $35 – this pays for all the drum heads that are broken or damaged during the school year, as well as mallets and replacement parts for all percussion instruments. Sticks are not included.*

*7-12 Instrument Rental Fee: $45 – For main instruments only (not doubles). All students will be responsible for all repairs needed throughout the year.*

I HAVE READ AND AGREE WITH THE CLASS GUIDELINES, GRADING POLICY AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CLASS. I HAVE ALSO MADE A NOTE OF THE CONCERT DATES MY CHILD WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN.

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SCHOOL TRAVEL AND/OR OVERNIGHT FUNCTIONS**

1. Students are expected to conform to the dress for travel that is prescribed by the activity’s supervisors.
2. Students shall not consume, be under the influence, or be in possession of tobacco, alcohol or drugs (unless prescribed by a doctor) are not permitted.
3. Students are to be with the group at all times unless specifically excused by the supervising adult/sponsor.
4. Students cannot, under any circumstances, ride in private automobiles unless specifically arranged prior to the trip.
5. No visitors will be allowed in students’ motel rooms unless the supervising adult/sponsor has given his/her prior approval.
6. Respect for all school rules, directors and chaperones are required at all times

If a student is involved in a breach of the above expectations, parents will be notified immediately.   Once contacted, parents will be required to come and pick their child up or arrange for immediate transportation back to Red Lake Falls.  Any/All expenses that may occur for a student’s removal from a school function will be the responsibility of the parents.  All MSHSL regulations will be followed and ISD #630 administration can/may impose additional school penalties.

\*\*Coaches, Directors and/or sponsors may establish additional rules or regulations for their own group.  These additions must be cleared with administration prior to departure.

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**Music Department Calendar 2016-2017**

J.A. Hughes Music Schedule

Tue. Nov. 15th Elementary Band/Choir Concert 7pm

Thu. Dec. 1st Elementary 2nd – 6th grade program 7pm

Fri. Dec. 2nd Elementary K – 1st grade program 2pm

Tue. Mar. 7th Elementary & Junior High Band/Choir Fundraiser 7pm

Fri. Apr. 7th + Elementary Band/Choir Day Trip School Day

Mon. Apr. 10th 5th – 12th grade Spring Band Concert 7pm

Thu. May 4th Elementary 2nd – 6th grade Spring Program 7pm

Fri. May 5th Elementary K – 1st grade Spring Program 2pm

Lafayette Music Schedule

Oct. 7th – 28th Wreath Fundraiser – Delivery Nov. 21st

TBD 7th-12th Fall Band Concert 7pm

Fri. Nov. 11th Veteran’s Day Performance 9am

TBD 9-12 Choir Performance at Digi-Key

Mon. Dec. 12th 7th-12th Band/Choir Winter Concert 7pm

Wed. Jan. 18th \* Vocal Solo Contest - EGF All Day

Wed. Feb. 8th # Large Group Band/Choir Contest - Crookston School Day

Tue. Mar. 7th Elementary & Junior High Band/Choir Fundraiser 7pm

Wed. Mar. 22nd \* Vocal Ensemble Contest – EGF All Day

Fri.-Sat. Mar. 24th – 25th + Senior High Band/Choir Overnight Trip – Mpls. All Day

Mon. Apr. 10th 5th – 12th Grade Band Concert 7pm

Wed. Apr. 19th \* Instrumental Contest (Solo & Ensemble) - EGF All Day

Tue. May 9th 7th-12th Grade Choir Concert 7pm

Wed. May 10th + Junior High Band/Choir Day Trip School Day

Fri. May 26th 7th-12th Grade Band & SH Choir – Graduation 6:30pm

Mon. May 29th 7th-12th Grade Band – Memorial Day 11am

*+ The band/choir day trips are subject to change or cancellation*

*# Large Group Contests include all eligible Band & Choir students according to MSHSL rules*

*\* Solo & Ensemble contests include a handful of eligible students according to MSHSL rules*

Additional Performance Opportunities

*These opportunities usually involve a handful of students unless noted otherwise*

Tue. Sept. 27th “Man-Up and Sing” (select 9-12th grade boys) All Day

Sat. Oct. 29 UND Band Day All Day

Fri. Nov. 4th NCTC Honor Choir *(6pm Concert)* All Day

Fri. Nov. 18th NCTC Honor Band *(6pm Concert)* All Day

Sat. Jan. 14th MBDA 7th-12th Grade Honor Band in Fergus Falls All Day

Fri.-Sat. Jan. 27th – 28th Concordia Choir Festival All Day

Fri. Mar. 31st JH Honor Band & Choir in Mahnomen All Day

Sat. Apr. 29th MBDA 5th – 6th Grade Honor Band in Moorhead All Day

Pep Band Schedule

*2016-2017*

*FB & Hockey games: please be at the field/arena by 6:15 with your instrument*

*VB, BBB & GBB games: please be in the music room by 6:30pm*

**Fall Sports**

H Sept. 15 VB v. Clearbrook/Gonvik

T Sept. 20 VB v. TRF

F Sept. 23 FB v. West Polk County

H Sept. 29 VB v. Sacred Heart

M Oct. 10 VB v. Stephen/Argyle

F Oct. 14 FB v. BGMR *(Parents’ Night)*

**Fall Play-Offs**

M Oct. 24 VB Pig-tail

T Oct. 25 FB Quarterfinals @ high seed

H Oct. 27 VB Play-In

Sa Oct. 29 FB Semifinals @ high seed

M Oct. 31 VB Quarterfinals

T Nov. 1 VB Semifinals

H Nov. 3 FB Finals @ Fargodome

F Nov. 4 VB Finals

**Winter Sports**

T Dec. 20 BBB v. Warroad

H Dec. 22 GBB v. Warroad

H Jan. 5 GBB v. Sacred Heart

M Jan. 9 BBB v. Sacred Heart

T Jan. 17 BBB v. Climax-Fisher

F Jan. 20 Hockey v. Ely

T Jan. 24 Hockey v. Bagley

H Feb. 2 GBB v. RLCC

F Feb. 3 BBB v. WAO *(Parents’ Night)*

**Winter Play-Offs**

T Feb. 21 Hockey Play-In

H Feb. 23 Hockey Quarterfinals

Sa Feb. 25 Hockey Semifinals

T Feb. 28 GBB Play-In

H Mar. 2 GBB West Quarterfinals

H Mar. 2 Hockey Finals

Sa Mar. 4 GBB West Semifinals

M Mar. 6 GBB West Finals

H Mar. 9 BBB Play-In

F Mar. 10 GBB 8A Section Finals

Sa Mar. 11 BBB Quarterfinals

T Mar. 14 BBB Semifinals

F Mar. 17 BBB Finals