**Junior High Band Syllabus**

**2018-2019 School Year**

**Media**

**Twitter**: @rlfband

**Remind**: text rlfjhband to 81010 on your cell phone or go to rmd.at/rlfshband on

your smartphone or computer to sign up.

**Website:** redlakefallsband.weebly.com

**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. All students will be assigned a group lesson during homeroom.
2. Students are required to complete 3 lessons each quarter.
3. If a student misses their group lesson, they must sign-up for a make-up lesson during the following times:
   1. Before school at 7:35am (M, T, or W)
   2. \*\* 3rd Hour on Choir Days at 9:45 & 10:05am
   3. After School at 3:00pm (M-Th)
   4. Other times available by appointment (please see Mrs. Hovland)

*\*\* This lesson time is for students NOT in choir unless you have permission from*

*Mrs. Wieland*

**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.

**Pep Band**

Pep Band is completely optional for Junior High students. Anyone who tries to play at a pep band event will receive extra credit.

**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, you will earn credit for a missed 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**   
 Sat. Jan. TBD MBDA Regional 7th -12th Grade Honor Band

March TBD Mahnomen JH Honor Band/Choir

**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 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, Juno or Vandoren 2 ½ - 3 (medium soft/medium reeds)

***Brass:***You must have your own bottle of valve or slide oil - Yamaha or Holton are good brands to buy.

***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. **You will be required to pay for any and all repairs needed for your school rental instrument throughout the year.**

Rental fees do not apply if you own an instrument but have switched to another school instrument (ie. From alto sax to bari or tenor sax, clarinet to bass or contrabass clarinet, etc.). You will still be responsible for any repairs to that school 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 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 7h! 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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Red Lake Falls School District Music Department Schedule

2018-2019 School Year

J.A. HUGHES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tue., Nov. 13 Elementary Band & Choir Concert @ 7:00 PM (Grades 4th-6th)

Thur., Dec.6 2nd – 6th Grade Winter Program @ 7:00 PM

Fri., Dec. 7 Kindergarten & 1st Grade Winter Program @ 2:00 PM

Tue., Mar. 5 Elementary &Jr. High Band/Choir Fundraiser Concert @ 7:00

Mon., Apr. 15 5th – 12th Band Concert @ 7:00

Thur., May 2 2nd – 6th Grade Program @ 7:00PM

Fri., May 3 Kindergarten & 1st Grade Program @ 2:00 PM

Fri., May 10 Elementary Band & Choir Day Trip (Grades 4th – 6th) to TRF

LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL

Concerts

Mon., Dec. 10 7th – 12th Band & Choir Winter Concert @ 7:00 PM

Tue., Mar. 5 Elementary & Jr. High Band/Choir Fundraiser Concert @ 7:00

Mon., Apr.15 5th – 12th Band Concert @ 7:00 PM

Wed., May 15 7th – 12th Choir Spring Concert @ 7:00 PM

MSHSL Contests (9th -12th Only)

Wed., Nov. 7 Vocal Solo Contest @ Crookston (ALL DAY)

Wed., Feb. 13 Large Group Band/Choir Contest @ Crookston (ALL DAY)

Wed., Mar. 13 Vocal Ensemble Contest @ EGF (ALL DAY)

Wed., Apr. 17 Instrumental Solo/Ensemble Contest @ EGF (ALL DAY)

Other

October 5 – 26 Wreath Sale Fundraiser (Delivery Nov. 19)

Thurs., Nov. 8 Veteran’s Day Performance (During School Hours)

TBD High School Choir Performs @ Digikey

March 26-31 Sr. High Band & Choir Tour to Colorado

Wed., May 8 Jr. High Band & Choir Day Trip @ Crookston (ALL DAY)

Fri., May 24 Graduation (7th – 11th grade Band students) at 6:30pm

Mon., May 27 Memorial Day Service (7th – 12th Band) at 11:00am

*\*\* Some Honor Band/Choir will be available for select students (pending approval) throughout the school year.*

Pep Band Schedule

*2018-2019*

*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**

T Sept. 18 VB v. TRF

F Sept. 21 FB v. Red Lake (Plummer)

H Sept. 27 VB v. Sacred Heart

F Oct. 5 FB v. Lake Park (RLF)

M Oct. 8 VB v. SAC (Parent’s Night)

F Oct. 12 FB v. Warroad (Homecoming @ Oklee)

**Fall Tournaments**

M Oct. 22 VB Pig-tail @ high seed

T Oct. 23 FB Quarterfinals @ high seed

H Oct. 25 VB Play-In @ high seed

F Oct. 26 VB Quarterfinals @ BSU/NCTC

Sa Oct. 27 FB Semifinals @ high seed

T Oct. 30 VB Semifinals @ Bagley HS

H Nov. 1 FB Finals @ Fargodome

F Nov. 2 VB Finals @ UMC

**Winter Sports**

F Nov. 30 GBB v. GGG

F Dec. 7 GBB v. Bagley

T Dec. 11 BBB v. EGF

M Dec. 17 GBB v. Northern Freeze

M Jan. 14 GBB v. WAO

T Jan. 29 BBB v. NF (Hockey Away)

M Feb. 4 BBB v. Waubun

T Feb. 5 Hockey v. Park Rapids

**Winter Tournaments**

T Feb. 19 Hockey Play-In @ high seed

H Feb. 21 Hockey QF @ high seed

Sa Feb. 23 Hockey Semifinals @ EGF

T Feb. 26 GBB Pig-tail @ high seed

H Feb. 28 GBB Play-in @ UMC/NCTC

H Feb. 28 Hockey Finals @ EGF

Sa Mar. 2 GBB Quarterfinals @REA

M Mar. 4 BBB Pig-tail @ high seed

T Mar. 5 GBB Semifinals @ REA

H Mar. 7 BBB Play-In @ UMC/NCTC

F Mar. 8 GBB 8A Section Finals @ REA

Sa Mar. 9 BBB Quarterfinals @ REA

M Mar. 11 BBB Semifinals @ REA

F Mar. 15 BBB 8A Section Finals @ REA