**Drumline Syllabus**

**2016-2017**

**Class Description**

 Students in this class are expected to

* Learn how to count and read rhythms
* Learn how to play drumline instruments
* Write cadences
* Perform in all major concerts during the school year
* Perform at local community events
* Perform at sporting events when needed
* Have fun!

**Grading**

A 90 – 100%

 B 80 – 89%

 C 70 – 79%

 D 60 – 69%

 F 59 and below

You will be graded on the following:

Class Participation: 50%

Concerts: 30%

Cadence Compositions: 15%

Daily Dictation: 5%

*\*\* Most of you are very busy and will end up missing a few rehearsals due to knowledge bowl, sports, etc, but there WILL be ways for you to make up the work. Please refer to the “Extra Credit” section.*

**Class Participation**

Each class day is worth 10 points. The only way you can lose points is if you are disruptive, late or absent.

**Concerts**

 BE THERE! If you miss a concert, the best grade you can earn is a ‘C,’ (unless you make it up) so don’t miss them!

**Concert Dates:**

Goosefest: October 1st (Saturday)

Holiday Concert: Dec.12th

Fall Concert: TBD

**Cadence Compositions**

You will be composing your own cadences! I will give you more information as the semester goes on.

**Daily Dictation**

This probably sounds scary, but it really isn’t. I will play a rhythm and then you will write it down. We will start out with very simple rhythms, and then make our way up to more complex ones. We will also be working on melodic dictation where you will write down the interval that I play. Those who have already had daily dictation will have a different project to do during this time.

**Pep Band**

This is on a case-by-case basis. If a majority of the class can make it to pep band, we’ll play. If most people can’t make it, we won’t.

**Extra Credit**

 I would like to see every one of you earn an ‘A’ in drum line, so please take advantage of these opportunities!

To make up for 1 missed day or pep band, you may do the following:

* *Go to any type of concert*
* *Write a one page (double spaced) essay on a drum line composer*
* *Sort through, stamp and organize 3 pieces of music*
* *Complete a Rhythm worksheet with at least 85% accuracy*

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

* *Come in for a 20 minute lesson*
* *Go to a band/drum line/percussion ensemble concert*
* *Write a 2 pg*. *essay (double spaced) on a drum line composer*

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

* *Perform a solo or ensemble piece for contest*
* *Compose a cadence at least 16 measures in length using specific guidelines (see me for more information)*
* *Perform in the community (ie. Church, talent show, etc.)*

**Rules of the Classroom**

* Be kind, courteous & respectful at all times!
* NO CELL PHONES!!! I will take them away if I see them in class.
* 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.

**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 (sticks, music)
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)! 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. Please make sure you do not wear WHITE socks if you are wearing dark pants – we don’t want you looking like the Blues Brothers. ☺

**Concert Make-Up**

*Excused Absence (ie. Sandbagging, family death, etc):*

1. Perform your concert pieces for your director(s) within 10 school days
2. Type a 4 page (double spaced) paper on a drum line composer from the concert.

*Unexcused Absence (ie. Shopping, doctor’s appointment, etc.):*

1. Perform your concert pieces for your director(s) within 10 school days
2. Type an 8 page paper on a drum line composer from the concert

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

Please check out the new Instrumental Music website at redlakefallsband.weebly.com

Lacie Hovland

253-2163 ext. 150

lhovland@rlfedu.org

**Students** – Please have this slip signed and turned in by Wednesday, September 7th! Your grade will stand as an Incomplete until it is turned in.

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.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature Student Signature

**\*\*\*PLEASE POST ME\*\*\***

**Drumline Concerts/Events**

*\*\*\*All JH/SH Concert Admission Prices are $3 for Adults,*

*$1 for Students\*\*\**

October 1st

Goosefest (Saturday – all day)

*This is an optional event.*

December 12th

Holiday Band/Choir Concert – 7pm

Fall Concert TBD

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. 34 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