**Senior 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
* Play at the graduation ceremony and Memorial Day Program
* Play in the Pep Band
* Learn more advanced musicianship skills
* Perform a varied repertoire of music
* Have a positive attitude
* Have fun!

**Grading**

* An ‘A’ will be earned if you miss 3 or fewer rehearsals or pep bands
* A ‘B’ will be earned if you miss 4-5 rehearsals or pep bands
* A ‘C’ will be earned if you miss 6-7 rehearsals or pep bands
* A ‘D’ will be earned if you miss 8-9 rehearsals or pep bands
* An ‘F’ will be earned if you miss 10 or more rehearsals or pep bands

If you miss a concert, your grade will drop 2 (excused) or 3 (unexcused) letter grades unless it is made up within 10 school days.

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

**Class Participation**

You will earn all 10 participation points each day if you have all your materials (reeds, oil, instrument, music, stand, etc.), you participated in class to the best of your ability and have cleaned up after yourself at the end of class.

You will lose participation points if you are disruptive during class, don’t have all your materials for the day or choose not to put away your materials/equipment.

**Schedule**

We will be following the A/B schedule like the rest of your every-other-day classes. Band will meet on “B” days, choir will meet on “A” days. Just like PE and health – if we have a storm day on a “B” day, the next school day will become a “B”/band day.

**Extra Credit**

I would like to see every one of you earn an ‘A’ in band, so please take advantage of these opportunities! If you have other ideas for extra credit, please let me know.

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

* *Write a one page (double spaced) essay on a musical composer*
* *Sort, organize and stamp 3 pieces of music*
* *Complete a Music Theory worksheet with at least 85% accuracy*

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

* *Go to any type of concert with live music*
* *Come in for a 20 minute lesson*
* *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, you may do the following:

* *Come in for a 30 minute lesson*
* *Take part in an Honor Band or Festival*
* *Perform a solo or ensemble piece for contest*
* *Learn how to play another instrument*
* *Compose or Arrange a piece of music at least 50 measures in length using specific guidelines (see me for more information)*
* *Audition for All-State or any other state honor band (if you make it into All-State or the auditioned honor band, it will make up for 5 missed days)!!! ☺*
* *Perform in the community (ie. Church, talent show, etc.)*
* *Give a younger student a lesson*
* *Help with the band exploration day in the spring*

**SH Concert Dates/Events**

See Concert Schedule on back page for full list

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.

Band Students must be eligible according to the MSHSL rules in order to play at the Solo, Ensemble or Large Group Band Contests.

**Other Concert Opportunities (for extra credit & award points)**

Sat. Oct. 29 UND Band Day All Day

M-F Oct. 23-9 UND Honor Band Try-Outs Varies

H Nov. 18 NCTC Honor Band All Day

Sat. Jan. 14 MBDA Honor Band in Fergus Falls All Day

F-Su Jan. 20-22 UND Honor Band Festival All Day

Fri. Mar. 17 All State Auditions Due ($20 fee)

Wed. April 19 Instrumental Contest (Solo & Ensemble) - EGF All Day

Sat. TBD BSU Honor Band All Day

Mondays NCTC Community Band Rehearsals 7pm

**Pep Band**

* This will be part of your GRADE, so please make every attempt to be at these events. Each night we perform is like a ‘mini concert’ so please come and show-off your amazing talents to the community! ☺
* If you are on a sports team and cannot make it to pep band due to a GAME, you will not be penalized. However, if you are on the JV team (and do not have to sit in on the home Varsity game), your presence will be required – you can shower after pep band.
* If you are at the game but are not participating in pep band, your grade will be deducted by a full letter grade. “Missed Days” are reserved for work, sick days or family emergencies/events.
* All students are to help with set-up and take-down of percussion when needed. You are exempt from these duties if you have other school-related obligations such as working at concessions or robotics practice.
* Pep Band dates will be posted on the bulletin board and are on the back side of the concert list at the end of this syllabus – I will update you with any changes during the year.
* We will try to play at as many tournament games as possible! This is always a hectic time, so please come prepared with a good attitude, some school spirit and willingness to help.

**Rules of the Classroom**

* Be kind, courteous & respectful at all times.
* NO CELL PHONES!!! I will take them away if I see or hear that you have them.
* 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.
* 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.***

**Lettering**

In order to receive a letter, you must accumulate the following number of points:

300 Points = Letter

600 Points = Bronze Pin

900 Points = Silver Pin

1,200 Points = Gold Pin

\* Points will accumulate throughout your ENTIRE High School career, and can be earned by participating in:

Band 100 points

Everyday Band 75 points

All State 75 points

Drumline 50 points per semester

Jazz Band 50 points

Summer Drumline 50 points

Contest Solos or Ensembles 50 points + 10 points for earning a superior

90% Attendance at Pep Band 25 points

Summer Lessons 25 points

Other Solo/Ensembles 15 points

Honor Bands 15 points each

Other Performance Ensembles

(NCTC Groups) 100 points each year

Attending a live concert 10 points (max of 50)

Practicing at home+ 5 points for every hour practiced

+ Students will be required to fill out a practice log/chart and will be randomly tested on what they practiced. A limit of 50 points will be allowed per year.

**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 $3 each.

* 7-9th graders should have a Rico, La Voz or Vandoren 2 ½ (medium reeds)
* 10th – 12th graders should have a Rico, La Voz or Vandoren 2 ½ – 3 ½ (medium /medium-hard 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) are $6 for the set.

***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 or ‘general’ sticks are great ones to purchase. I have some for $15 if you’d like new ones from me.

**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 Users Only) - $45

Percussion, Grades 5-12 - $35 \*Sticks are not included\*

**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.

**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. 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. Family funeral, violently ill, hospitalized…that’s about it – others will be considered on a case-by-case basis)*

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 (ie. Shopping, dr. appointment, sports, no ride, etc.)*

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.

I have created a new school website with all of this information as well as schedules, calendars, musical examples for each instrument, music apps to use, plus much more! Please check it out at redlakefallsband.weebly.com!

***Lacie Hovland 253-2163 ext. 150***

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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. Don’t forget 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.*

*7-12 Instrument Rental Fee: $45 – You will also 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. 21st 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