

Middle School Advanced Band Syllabus

2011-2012

Instructors: Mr. K

Text: 7th & 8th graders: *Essential Elements Book 2* and any music that is handed out.

Grading Policy:

Each Student must earn 20 points per day in class. You earn these points by:

- 1) Being seated, warming up responsibly 2 minutes after the bell has rung
- 2) You have all of you required materials **at your seat** on time
- 3) Your instrument is in good working condition
- 4) You participate in class and are productive in a positive way

Pass Offs/Playing Tests

Each week each student will have 2 minutes to pass off as many pass offs they can in that time period. Each pass off/playing test will be graded on a scale out of 4 points. If you do not get a desired grade you may retake the pass off before the end of the 9 weeks. The higher grade will always be accepted. Students may record themselves at home and turn in a tape, CD or e-mail an audio file to me for grading.

Practice Records:

Each student must turn in 6 practice records of 100 minutes a week on Monday or the first day of the school week. Use only the practice records handed out by the teacher. This is a very large portion of your grade. This practice record must be signed by your parent or guardian to be accepted. These 100 minutes are to be done outside of class.

LATE PRACTICE RECORDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Practice Record Grading:

93-100 min. = 4, 85-92 min. = 3, 73-84 min. = 2, 65-72 min. = 1, 0-64 min. = 0,

Extra Credit (120+ min. = 5)

Music Theory and History Worksheets:

Each 9 weeks there will be a certain number of pages that each student will complete and turn in on a designated day for a grade. The work is to me done during pass offs, at home or in study hall. I am always available for help...just ask.

Written Tests/Quizzes:

Written test and quizzes will be given with at least three class days notice. They will count as a portion of the final grade. The information will come directly from the Theory and History Worksheets. No surprises... I promise!

Required Materials: Each student is expected to have the following every day:

- 1) Instrument
- 2) Music
- 3) Pencil
- 4) 4 working Reeds/Mouth piece
- 5) Valve oil/Cork grease
- 6) Cleaning Rag/Polishing Cloth
- 7) Water container (bassoons and oboes only)
- 8) Spray bottle (trombones only)
- 9) Books
- 10) Percussionist must have the sticks, mallets and stick bags

Performances: Any performance that the Ensemble has scheduled will be mandatory and will be worth 2 full letter grades or 300 points. An unexcused absence from a performance can result in the dropping of the final grade up to two full letter grades. The Christmas Concert is scheduled for *December 7th in the TCS Gymnasium at 7pm* and the Spring Concert is *May 1st in the TCS Gymnasium.*

Rehearsals: Any after school rehearsals that are scheduled will be mandatory and will count as 100 points per rehearsal.

Make-up Policy: You may make up any test before the end of the quarter. If you wish to get a higher grade on a test you may do so by setting up a time with me.

Band Method Book

Essential Elements 2000 Book 2

These books can be purchased at any local music store. You can have the music books even delivered to Toledo Christian in most cases.

Classroom Rules

- 1) Only Percussionist will play on the percussion equipment.
- 2) Only you will play your instrument. No trading with friends.
- 3) Always have your music and instrument.
- 4) No Running!!!
- 5) Never say "CAN'T." It is not allowed. Never give up.
- 6) NO GUM, FOOD, or DRINKS!
- 7) Wear your smile and laugh often