

Middle School Beginning Band Syllabus

2011-2012

Instructors: Mr. K

Text: *Essential Elements 2000 Book 1* 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 5 or 6 practice records (depending on the quarter) 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 End of the year Performance will be on **May 1st in the TCS Multipurpose Room/New 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 1

This method book can be purchased at any local music store. You can have the music book 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