

Pleasant Bands Syllabus **2017-18**

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Course Description:

This course is designed to give the student an enriching and diverse instrumental music education. This class provides a number of performance opportunities for the student in a variety of settings. The daily objective of the course is to foster and promote musical growth through the playing of an instrument by the student. As a member of the band program, group effort and cooperation is necessary to a successful program. Band is a skilled effort in which each student is expected to show technical and musical growth throughout this course.

Required Materials:

- Instrument
- Supplies (Extra reeds, valve oil, cork grease, slide grease, etc.)
- 1/2 inch Black 3-ring binder with five dividers
- Pencil
- Brass need a cloth to empty water from instrument

Expectations:

1. Arrive to class on time. After the tardy bell you have 2 minutes to be seated with your instrument.
2. No gum, candy, or beverages in the classroom.
3. Be prepared with your instrument, 3-ring Binder, music, pencil every day.
4. Respect the people, equipment, and furnishings of the band room.
5. Observe all rules in the student handbook.

Attendance:

Your attendance during class and at performances has a direct effect on your grade. Band is a participation/performance-based course. Attendance is mandatory to all rehearsals and performances unless otherwise noted. Attached is the list of scheduled concert dates throughout the school year.

Please be aware of these concert dates, and plan accordingly.

6th Grade Band

- Spring Concert- Thursday, May 17

Middle School Band (Grades 7/8)

- Christmas Concert- Tuesday, December 19
- Christmas Concert School Assembly- Wednesday, December 20
- Spring Concert- Thursday, May 17

High School Concert Band

- Christmas Concert- Sunday, December 10
- Christmas Concert School Assembly- Monday, December 11
- High School Solo/Ensemble Contest- Saturday, January 27 (All encouraged to participate)
- High School OMEA Large Group Contest- Either Friday, March 9 or Sat. 10
- Spring Concert- Monday, May 7
- Graduation- Sunday, June 3

Marching Band

- All Football games, including playoff games if the team qualifies
- Pleasant Fall Festival- Saturday, August 26
- Marion Popcorn Parade- Thursday, September 7
- University of Toledo Band Day- Saturday, September 16
- North Union Festival of Bands- Saturday, September 30
- High School Fall Concert- Sunday, October 15
- Waldo Memorial Day Parade- Sunday, May 20

Excused Absences Include:

- Extreme personal illness with Doctor's Note (or absence from school)
- Family Health emergencies verified by family
- Approved Academic conflicts approved by director in advance.
- Required Religious observances (with notice)
- Extra-Curricular School conflicts approved by director in advance.

Grading Policy:

The student's grade will be based on Daily Participation Points, Performances, Tests, and Quizzes.

Daily Participation Points: Student will receive 5 points per day for classroom rehearsals. If student is prepared for class, on time, participates, and follows classroom rules and school policy, the student will receive all 5 points. Failure to be prepared, tardiness, and inappropriate behavior will result in loss of Daily Participation Points.

Performances: **All performances are mandatory.** The director will provide the students with performance dates with ample time to make adjustments in schedule. Performance attendance will be a heavily graded aspect of the class. Unlike a written test, performances cannot be made up or reproduced. Additionally, the band is a group activity where students must rehearse and perform in a collaborative fashion: One band, one sound.

Tests and Quizzes: These will be either performance-based or written and will take place during the class period. Students will be given prior notice to prepare before any test or quiz.

Performance Guidelines:

- Be early for report times.
- Come prepared physically and mentally
- Have equipment and/or materials ready to go before report time.
- No jewelry will be worn with marching band uniform.
- Hair must not touch the neck of the uniform (long hair must be tucked under the hat during marching band performances)
- Before performances, there will be a brief uniform inspection. Failure to follow performance guidelines will result in a lower performance grade.

(Please detach below section and return with student) Return by Friday, Sept. 1

I have read the course syllabus for the Band, and understand the expectations and guidelines of the class. I am aware of the scheduled concert dates throughout the school year.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent /Guardian Signature: _____

Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____