**Junior Band Course Outline 2018-2019**

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**REHEARSALS**

**Grade 8 Junior Band is an off-timetable linear course. Students will receive 4 credits for successful completion of the course.**

**Rehearsal times: Mondays & Wednesdays 3:00-4:15pm.**

**Students should be in the band room immediately following the dismissal bell. The warm up will start promptly at 3:00 PM and if you do not play the first note of warm up with us, you will be considered late.**

**GOAL**

To build upon, enhance and extend the musical knowledge and skills developed in earlier grades, enabling students to enjoy a lifelong interest in music or to pursue a career in music and related fields.

**SUPPLIES**

Students are expected to have a working instrument, cleaning supplies, maintenance supplies (reeds, oil, grease, etc.), their complete music folder, and a pencil at each rehearsal. Students can rent an instrument from the school at no cost, but are encouraged to provide their own instrument. If you rent a school instrument you are responsible for it and may be asked to pay for repair fees should you incur damage, or replacement fees should you lose it.

**CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES**

**Concert Attendance Policy:**

There will be several evening concert performances this year, one during the first semester, and one during the second semester. Concert dates are TBA. Participation in concerts is mandatory and is part of your grade. Each player’s attendance at the concert is necessary for the whole team’s success. If you must be excused from a concert for a valid reason, advance notice of at least **two weeks** and instructor permission is required. Lessons, practices, and games should be rescheduled or unattended if possible, as we only have two concerts a year and you are irreplaceable!

**Concert attire:**

When we perform and show off our hard work, it is important that we each put on our team “uniform” and look our best. This is part of the professionalism that comes with being a musician!

-Black shirt to wear underneath Band sweater (Band sweater provided)

-Black dress shoes and black socks/nylons- no sneakers please

-Black dress pants or black knee-length skirt with black nylons- no yoga pants please

**ASSESSMENT BREAKDOWN**

**1. Playing Tests**

-Student performs selections of repertoire or technique as assigned by the teacher for individual assessment. Retests are available by the request of the student.

**2. Performances**

-Participates in all performances on time, in uniform, and with appropriate etiquette.

-Performs with focus and professionalism. Plays with good posture, eyes on the conductor, and employs the techniques and musicianship rehearsed in class.

**3. Rehearsal Playing Ability & Musicianship**

-Continual improvement is evident due to at home practice and an obvious commitment by the student to better themselves as a musician.

**4. Musical Literacy**

-Demonstrates understanding of musical history and cultural influence, theory and composition, aural skills, musical terminology and elements of music.

**\*Students are responsible to schedule make up tests with Miss Clark should they miss one.\***

**Effort Grade (Needs Improvement, Satisfactory, Good Excellent)**

As part of a team, your professionalism has an impact on the success of the group as a whole. You will be graded on the following:

-Student attends all rehearsal on time.

-Student is prepared for rehearsals with necessary materials.

-Student is following rehearsal/performance procedure.

-Student is displaying a positive effort and positive attitude.