

6th Grade Band Syllabus 2019-2020

Getting Started:

1. You must have your music book by **Tuesday, Sept. 17th**. Jim's Music sells them for \$9 per book. Please purchase Essential Elements, Book 1 (YELLOW) if you do not have one from last year AND Essential Elements, Book 2 (RED) for the spring semester. Failure to obtain your book by this date will result in a loss of participation points (see grading below). We will start our year in the yellow book.
2. You must have your instruments by **Tuesday, Sept. 17th**. The school has VERY limited instruments available for loan on a first come, first serve basis. Preference will be given to those with financial need. Other students need to rent/borrow or buy an instrument for class. Jim's Music is very affordable and has quality instruments for lease-to-own and outright sale. Ebay, Amazon, Craigslist also have instruments available. Again, failure to bring an instrument to class will result in a loss of participation points (see grading below).
3. If you are having any financial difficulties getting books, reeds or an instrument, please contact Mrs. Goodrich as soon as possible!

Events:

Each performance is mandatory and **will only** be considered excused with a parent note or communication at **least 24 hours** before or immediately after the event of absence. Make-up work will be assigned even if the concert is an excused absence (see grading policy below). Please be aware, times and dates are subject to change. Notes and reminders will always be sent home with students in the weeks before a performance.

Dec. 16th, Monday - Christmas Concert @ 12:30 PM

March 15th, Sunday - Spring Fling @ 11:30 AM

June TBA- 6th Grade Graduation, time TBA

Classroom Expectations and Rules:

1. Show up to class on time, with everything you need for class: pencil, book, instrument.
2. Get set up quickly and without playing. Be ready for instruction.
3. Absolutely NO GUM or FOOD brought into class.
4. Only water IN A SEALED container is allowed.
5. If you need to borrow a book, pencil or missing homework, check in the 6th Grade Book bin (on the counter) before disrupting class.
6. Be respectful to your director, classmates and all school property. Damaging school owned **equipment or MUSIC** could result in a fine from the school.
7. Band should be a fun and safe environment. Do your best to keep a positive attitude and get work done.
8. All electronics are OFF limits unless Mrs. Goodrich directs otherwise.

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Grading Policy:

1. Students will be given grades for the following activities:
 - a. In-class participation. 5 points possible per day. Points are taken away for excessive talking, inappropriate behavior and coming to class unprepared (no instrument, no book, etc). Please be aware that damaging school owned equipment of any type will result in a loss of participation points AND could result in a bill to parents.
 - b. Students who CANNOT attend a performance or event need to contact me via a parent at **least 24 hours** in advance or directly after an event, or all points will be lost. I understand emergencies and illnesses happen. So in the event of a missed event, I will discuss make-up work or lost points with parents.
 - c. Playing tests and written tests/worksheets. Playing tests will be given AT LEAST twice a semester, more if needed. Written tests will be given for midterms and finals. Worksheets will be passed out and finished in-class.

Contact Information:

Please contact me with any questions or concerns! E-mail or text is best, as it is difficult to hear the phone ring in my room. Thank you for your support of music at BR-H Schools!

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