

Syllabus
Middle School Band
School Year 2011-2012

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Required Materials:

- Students must bring the following to every rehearsal:
 - Instrument
 - Music
 - Pencil

Course Objectives:

- Students will play music that will challenge and advance their musicality, such as rhythms, intonation, and phrasing (A1).
- Students will learn to blend well musically with each other (E5).
- Students will be able to accurately apply the accumulated knowledge and skills of proper posture and technique, musical notation, symbols and terminology (B1).

Course Requirements:

- Attendance
 - Attendance is required at all class sessions. Students who miss class will find that it is impossible to “make up” or recreate what they have missed. If an emergency occurs and a student is not able to attend class, common courtesy dictates that the student contacts the instructor either the day of or the following school day with a letter or e-mail from a parent or guardian explaining the reason for their absence. Students who fail to attend class regularly will find this failure reflected in their grade, and this may result in them being asked to leave the band, (see *Student Handbook and Discipline Plan*).
- Lessons/Logbook
 - Up for Discussion!
- Early Morning Rehearsals
 - Students must attend **EVERY** early morning band rehearsal **ON TIME** with the following:
 - Instrument
 - Proper marching attire
 - Students who do not show up or show up late needs to give the instructor a note or an e-mail from a parent or guardian that explains why this occurred either on the day of or by the next school day.

- Students who fail to do the above mentioned will find this failure reflected in their grade, and this may result in you being asked to leave the band, (see *Discipline Plan*).
- Performances
 - Students **MUST** attend each of the following:
 - Concerts (2)
 - MMHS Winter Concert
 - MMHS Spring Concert
 - Parades (4)
 - Madawaska Acadian Festival Parade
 - The week of the parade, students must attend 3 early morning band rehearsals (7 – 9 a.m.) on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday of that same week.
 - Fort Kent Scarecrow Festival
 - See *Scarecrow Festival Letter*
 - Bangor Rotary Festival of Lights Parade
 - Madawaska Memorial Day Parade
 - MMHS Winter Carnival Coronation
 - MMHS Senior Graduation
- Pep Band
 - Students must attend at least half of the basketball games (schedule is TBA). If they attend more than the required amount of games, they will receive a reward, (see *Free Early Morning Pass Sheet*).
 - Students must report to each game at least 45 min. prior to the game.
 - When the students arrive at the game(s), they must have the following items:
 - Instrument
 - Music
 - Proper Pep Band Attire
- See also, *Discipline Plan and Classroom Rules*.

Final Grade:

- The final grade for the course will be determined in the following manner:
 - APE – 30%
 - Early Mornings – 15%
 - Performances – 25%
 - Pep Band – 15%
 - Lessons/Logbook – 15%

Concert Dress:

- Students must wear the following to each concert:
 - Gentlemen
 - White Dress Shirt
 - Black Dress Pants
 - Black Socks

- Black Dress Shoes
- Black Tie
- Ladies
 - White Top
 - Black Skirt or Dress Pants
 - Black Nylons
 - Black Shoes (not sneakers)

NEW RULES!!!

- No Food or Drinks (except bottled water) in the band room!!! You must eat and/or drink your food or beverage outside of the band room. If you bring in bottled water, you must clean up after yourself.
- If the student uses a school owned instrument, they must take care of it. The user, not the school, will pay for any *at fault* damages to the instrument. This includes **ALL** Percussionists!!! (see *School Instrument Use Contract*).
- All students who use a reed must pay the teacher \$10 when they need their first new reed. Every reed afterwards will be deducted until the student uses up their entire \$10. If the students need more than \$10 worth of reeds, then the students will have to pay another \$10 up front for more reeds once their previous \$10 has been used up. If by the end of the year the student has money left over, they will be reimbursed.