**Grade 8 Band Course Outline 2023 - 2024**

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**Course Description**

The purpose of this course is to further explore music from a variety of eras and styles and to continue developing technical proficiency on a concert band instrument. Students will have the opportunity to improve their musical skills including rhythmic literacy, music reading, and listening skills. Students will work independently and as team members in the ensemble to develop these abilities and become more musically independent. The focus is on playing band instruments, but we also do other activities such as music history and theory.

The essential learning areas and goals as directed by the Manitoba music curriculum are:

1.) **Music Language and Performance Skills** (musical concepts and techniques)

2.) **Creative Expression in Music** (composition and improvisation)

3.) **Understanding Music in Context** (connecting music to culture and identity)

4.) **Valuing Musical Experience** (analyzing, reflecting, and constructing meaning in response to music)

**Required Materials**:

* Pencil
* Band folder with all given music, books, and handouts (provided)
* Instrument in good working order with all needed supplies (provided) (Students may choose to provide their own instrument or rent one from the band program.)
* Duotang (optional) – some students find a duotang helpful to organize their papers
* Band Uniform: black dress pants or long skirt, dressy black shirt, black dress shoes

**Assessment**

* **Daily Work** – 80%
* **Tests and Projects** – 20%

Students are given a score of 1 - 4 in each of the curricular areas listed above as well as a percentage indicating their overall mark in the class.

**Late Assignment Policy**

It is expected that students will have assignments completed and submitted on the given due date. However, I understand that flexibility is necessary in certain circumstances. If a student is unable to complete an assignment on time, they are expected to inform me *before* the assignment is due. Together, we will decide on an acceptable alternate due date.

**Performances**

Attendance and participation at all band performances is mandatory and is reflected in the “Music Language and Performance Skill” part of students’ grades. Prior commitments must be communicated with me by parents/guardians in writing as soon as the conflict is known. Performance dates are communicated well in advance on my website as well as on the board in class. Working and sports *practices* are not considered valid excuses.

**Important Dates**

* **Wednesday, December 6 – Winter Band Concert in the CC Gym**
* **April 15-19 – Performance at Level One Festival in Winnipeg (one day, TBD)**
* **Wednesday, June 5 – Spring Band Concert in the CC Gym**

**Classroom Expectations**

* Be punctual - arrive to class on time, ready to learn.
* Be prepared – bring all required materials, practice your music, and complete your assignments.
* Be respectful – to yourself, to others, to all property.
* Try – give everything a chance and always do your best work.
* Notify me of any absences as soon as you are able.

**Inappropriate Behaviour**

When there is a situation that requires disciplinary action, the following steps will take place as needed:

1.) Verbally address the issue, discussing why the behaviour was inappropriate and why you made that choice.

2.) Multiple verbal discussions needed – your parents/guardians will be contacted by phone or by e-mail

3.) Meeting will be held between me, you, and your parents/guardians.

4.) Lastly, if the issue continues to be unresolved, there will be principal/administration intervention and disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with Carberry Collegiate/ Beautiful Plains School Division policies.

**Communication Home**

Please visit the class website (www.mrsburkesroomweebly.com) and/or the Google Classroom page for up to date information about what is happening in class, due dates, and copies of important documents. I will email important information home as well as send physical copies home as needed.

**Cell Phone Policy**

Students are not to be using their phones/other electronic devices in class unless I have instructed them to do so for educational purposes or they are needed for medical reasons. If devices are used inappropriately, they will be confiscated for the remainder of the class.

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I have read and understand the above 2023 – 2024 Grade 8 Band course outline.

Student Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_