**Jazz Band Course Outline 2023 - 2024**

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**Course Description**

The purpose of this course is to develop a confidence and skill set for jazz-based instrumental performance.  Students will have the opportunity to develop their instrumental technique, listening skills and music appreciation through performance in a jazz ensemble.  There will be a focus on style, form, theory, and improvisation.  Musical independence, risk-taking, and creativity are of particular importance.  We will also address relevant cultural and historical connections.

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

1.) **Making** – The learner develops language and practices for making music.

2.) **Creating** – The learner generates, develops, and communicates ideas for creating music.

3.) **Connecting** – The learner develops understandings about the significance of music by making connections to various times, places, social groups, and cultures.

4.) **Responding** – The learner uses critical reflection to inform music learning and to develop agency and identity.

**Required Materials**:

* Pencil
* Band folder with all given music, books, and handouts. (Students may choose to provide their own instrument or rent one from the band program.)
* Instrument in good working order and all needed supplies

**Assessment**

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

**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. **Late assignments may receive a penalty of 10% of the given score per day.**

**Performances**

Attendance and participation at all band performances is mandatory and is reflected in the “Making Music” portion 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
* February 29 – March 3 (one day TBD) – MBA Jazz Band Festival in Winnipeg
* Wednesday, June 5 – Spring Concert in the CC Gym

\*Other performance *may* include: pancake breakfast, farmer’s market, other opportunities as they arise. We will discuss these additional opportunities as an ensemble.

**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 Google Classroom 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 Jazz Band course outline.

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

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