

## **BAND AND PERCUSSION SYLLABUS – FALL 2018**

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**Description:** Band classes are designed for advanced and intermediate level musicians who play wind instruments. Percussion class is designed for advanced and intermediate level musicians who play percussion. Tone, intonation, rhythm, technique, and musicality will be our main areas of focus. During football season, most students are part of the Titan Regiment Marching Band. The band also participates in concerts and parades. Students will have the opportunity to audition for District Honor Band and All-State Band. Attendance at band camp, after school rehearsals, and performances is expected. All classes meet in the band room. Students must have prior experience on their instrument to take band; we do not offer a beginning band or percussion class.

**Topics:** During the semester we will cover the following topics: tone production, intonation, technique, rhythm, balance, blend, expression, theory, and history. We will use the following methods to cover the topics: Marching band music (Aug.-Oct.), Various Method Books (ongoing), scales (ongoing), Holiday music (Oct.-Dec.), and music theory (ongoing).

**Expectations:**

1. Respect Everyone and Everything.
2. Always give your best effort.
3. There should be no talking during rehearsal.
4. Have a pencil on your stand EVERY day.
5. Bring your instrument, music, and other materials to class EVERY day.
6. There should be no gum, food, or drinks during class.
7. You must be ready to play 5 minutes after the tardy bell rings.
8. You must be focused and ready to work at EVERY rehearsal.
9. Cell phones should not be out or in use during rehearsals.

**Please see the band handbook for a more detailed description on policies and procedures for the band program.**

Your participation grade will be made up according to how you meet the above expectations. Make arrangements to be in class on time with all of your materials and ready to work. You will receive a participation grade for every class day.

During the year there will be required rehearsals and performances for everyone. Check your calendar of events or the band website for exact times and dates. In addition to marching band, we will have rehearsals and performances with the concert bands.

**The director must know in advance if you will miss a performance of any kind. The director must also know in advance if you will miss a rehearsal (marching or concert). Only EXCUSED absences will be able to be made up. Emergencies are always the exception. If a student is sick, the director should be notified by a parent the day of or the day after the absence. Please see the handbook for more information on the attendance policy. ALL performances are a grade.**

**Supplies needed:** Instrument in good playing condition at all times, mouthpiece, 3 good reeds, ligature, valve oil, your folder and music, and a PENCIL.

**Grading system:** Performances/Assessments-50%, Participation/Daily-40%, Final-10%

**Tardy policy:** Tardies will be dealt with on the school level. Students tardy to class will be referred to the administration. You must be in the band room when the bell rings in order to be on time. Please allow enough time to be in class before the bell rings.

### **Discipline Plan**

1. Verbal Warning
2. Student/teacher conference
3. Phone call to parent(s)
4. Teacher Detention
5. Parent Conference
6. Referral to counselor (academic/personal issues)
7. Referral to an administrator (discipline)

### **Important Dates:**

**Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – Marching Exhibition (Cedar Shoals)**  
**Sept 29<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Marching Contests**  
**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Parade**  
**Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> – Concert Practice**  
**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Concert**

In extreme situations (fight, profanity towards a teacher, alcohol, drugs, etc), students will be referred immediately to an administrator. *Student participation in the band program could be jeopardized by continuing to fail to meet the desired expectations.*

THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT. WITH EVERYONE'S HARD WORK AND DEDICATION THIS WILL BE AN EXCITING, FUN,  
AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OUR BAND AND EACH BAND MEMBER.  
PAIN IS TEMPORARY, PRIDE IS EVERLASTING!

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