**6th-7th Band Syllabus**

***Monday-Friday 10:24-10:51***

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Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year of Band! I am excited to work with every one of you this year. I have an “open door policy” which means that my door is always open if you ever need to address any concerns. Please remember, I AM ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU!

Expectations (The Five Be’s of Band)

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Prepared
3. Be A Good Listener
4. Be Involved
5. Be a Team Player

*Be Respectful*

* Respect your director, classmates, and yourself. Respect your instrument and the equipment that is owned by the Groton Area School District.
* All the school rules apply in class. This means no food, gum, or any electronic device INCLUDING CELL PHONES! Water is allowed.

*Be Prepared*

* I expect you to put your instrument together and not play instruments that are not yours! Have your music AND a pencil ready for class.
* Play in rehearsals as if you would perform. This includes having good posture!

*Be a Good Listener*

* It is important to develop a good ear for pitch while you are playing your instrument.

*Be Involved*

* There are opportunities that are not always required in band, but I encourage you to try new things. This will ensure the best experience possible for you.

*Be a Team Player*

* EVERYONE is important, and your full effort is needed!! I look at band as being a team. (No one sits on the bench!) My motto is “mistakes are okay!” We can’t learn if you don’t try.

**Consequences**

If rules are broken there will be consequences. After being warned the following may happen:

* Participation Grade will be docked (After a warning- 1 point for a disruption. More points and a detention, if needed, for frequent disruptions will be used.)
* Office visit or parent contact if behavior needs to be addressed.

**My Grading Policy**

93-100 A 92- 85 B 84- 77 C

76- 67 D 66-Below F

**What Makes Up Your Grade?**

40%- Daily Participation 30%- Performance Attendance

20%- Weekly Lessons/Assignments 10%- Practice Minutes

**Daily Participation (40%)**

Each student will receive a daily grade that is worth ten points per day unless:

-An instrument is forgotten- lose 3 points

-Music or any other equipment is forgotten- lose 2 points

-Talking or being disrespectful during band, or you leave class without permission

(If you don’t have your instrument or music, you will lose 5 points for the day)

\*\*If you are going to be absent from class, please bring me a makeup slip the day before or the day after you return for you to be excused/receive points.

* Suspensions, unexcused absences, or extreme tardies result in makeup work for daily participation points.

**Performance Attendance (30%)**

All absences need to be pre-approved through Mrs. Yeigh for them to be excused. I need an email, text, or a phone call from your parent **BEFORE** the band event.

You have made a commitment to be a part of this program, so you have a responsibility to show up!

* Pep Band Game will be worth 50 points.
* Each parade will be worth 50 points.
* MS Talent Show will be worth 50 points.
* Each Concert or Contest event will be worth 100 points.

**Weekly Lessons/Assignments (20%)**

* You will be required to have a band lesson once a week. Each lesson will be worth 15 points.

**Practice Minutes (10%):**

Practice minutes are always encouraged, and Mrs. Yeigh will do “practice checks” 1-2 times a quarter for a grade. Practicing is done at home or in the practice rooms before, after, or during school or study hall time.

GROUPS

**Marching Band**

We will hopefully be marching in our Homecoming Parade and the Lake Region Marching Festival in Groton. When we go outside to practice, please wear appropriate clothing and shoes which means no flip flops. It is very difficult to march adequately with them. If you don’t have the appropriate attire, you will lose points off your daily grade.

**\*\*The dress attire for the Homecoming Parade and Marching Festival is the JH Marching Band T-shirts (we will order) with NICE JEANS or JEAN CAPRIS (No excessive holes or cut-offs) and a good tennis shoe to march in. Please plan for this!**

NOTE: for the Lake Region Marching festival we usually ask each student/family to bring a pan of bars. More information to come on that later!

**Pep Band**

We are hoping to play for one pep band game during the basketball season. It is required that you are in attendance and let Mrs. Yeigh know if there is a conflict as soon as you can.

**Concert Band**

Each of you will receive your own music, slot, and folder. You will be responsible for keeping the music in good condition and for returning it after we are done using it. There will be 5 Concert Band Programs that are REQUIRED of your grade: Veteran’s Day, Christmas Concert, MS Talent Show, Groton Music Contest, and Spring Concert. Every band student needs to have Essential Elements Book #2. If your book is lost, please see Mrs. Yeigh to borrow or buy one. (6th graders we will order as needed, otherwise Mrs. Yeigh has plenty to borrow to you.)

**The dress attire for concerts/contest is nice dress clothes.**

\*It is highly encouraged NOT to wear jeans for a concert!

Guys: No t-shirts. Please wear a nice dress shirt and dress pant. Khakis are wonderful!

Girls: Please make sure your dress/top is appropriate. If you have to question it, DON’T WEAR IT! Keep in mind you are sitting while you play in the band. You need to be mindful of the dress you choose to wear. It should not be extremely short above the knees when you sit down!

\*If anyone shows up with inappropriate clothing you will be sent home to change or receive a 50-point deduction in your performance grade for inappropriate conduct.

**Fees (Percussionists and School Rentals)**

-If you are a percussionist, you will pay a fee of $40 a year or $20 a semester.

-If you rent and/or play a school owned instrument you will pay a fee of $60 year or $30 a semester.

\*\*Please have these all paid to the business office as soon as possible!

**Cell Phones**

-Your cell phone needs to be put away and out of sight when the bell rings. Phones will be collected and placed in a basket if needed. I do NOT want to see them in my class.

**I know this year will be different from others, but I believe we will have a fun and successful year!!**

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| **6-7 MS Band Schedule** | | |  |  |
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| **Marching Band** | | |  |  |
|  | Friday | September 23rd | Homecoming Parade | 1:00 PM |
|  | Friday | October 7th | Lake Region Marching Festival | 10:00 AM |
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| **Concerts/Performances/Contests** | | | |  |
|  | Friday | November 11th | Veteran's Day Program? | TBA |
|  | Thursday | December 8th | MS/HS Winter Concert | 7:00 PM |
|  | Friday | February 10th | MS Pep Band- GBB | 6:45 PM |
|  | Tuesday | March 14th | MS Talent Show | 7:00 PM |
|  | Thursday | April 27th | MS Spring Concert | 7:00 PM |
|  | Saturday | April 29th | Groton Music Contest (6-8 Grade) | TBA |
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| **Other Events (Not Required of all students- optional)** | | | |  |
|  | Tuesday | October 11th | Northwestern MS Festival |  |
|  | Friday | December 16th | MS All State Band Audition Due |  |
|  | Fri-Sat | March 3-4 | MS All State Band- Huron |  |

**PRACTICE MINUTES GUIDELINE**

**(70 points per week. Each minute is worth one point)**

70-65 minutes A

64-60 minutes B

59-54 minutes C

53-47 minutes D

46 and below F

Mrs. Yeigh will hand out practice minute sheets a week before lessons start.

**Grading Rubric for Lessons**

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| Timeliness | 3- Student arrives on time to the lesson | 2- Student arrives 5 minutes late or less | 1-Student must be sought out |
| Supplies | 3-Student has horn, book, music, and pencil | 2-Student brings horn only | 1-Student brings nothing to the lesson |
| Practice and Preparation | 3-Student has practiced at least 70 minutes or more for the lesson and has a record of it. | 2-Student has practiced 65 minutes or below for the lesson and has a record of it. | 1-Student did not practice for the lesson or does not have practice minutes to show. |
| Attitude | 3-Student gives high effort and is highly receptive to instruction | 2-Student gives moderate effort and is moderately receptive to instruction | 1-Student gives little or no effort and is defiant of instruction |
| Accomplishment | 3-Student mastered all assigned material for the week | 2-Student mastered part of the assigned material | 1-Student mastered none of the assigned material |

**Grading Scale for Lessons**

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| 15 |  | **A+** | 100% |
| 14 |  | **A-** | 93% |
| 13 |  | **B** | 86% |
| 12 |  | **C** | 80% |
| 11 |  | **D** | 73% |
| 10 or below |  | **F** | 66% |

This form states that both the **student and a parent** have read and understand the 6-7 Band Syllabus.

**This page needs to be signed and returned for a grade by Wed. August 31st**

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Parent Signature Date

*These periods will be available for lessons. Please check and rank from 1-7 your preference times. Mrs. Yeigh will do her ABSOLUTE BEST to honor your choices!*

\_\_\_\_ Before School \_\_\_\_ 1st period

\_\_\_\_ 2nd half of 2nd period \_\_\_\_ 2nd half of 3rd period during Study Hall

\_\_\_\_ 6th period \_\_\_\_ 7th period

\_\_\_\_ Afterschool \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please list your child’s t-shirt size for their marching band t-shirt:

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I do a lot of communication through e-mail. Please list which e-mail address/addresses you would like me to add on the list. If you do not communicate through e-mail, please list the BEST way to contact you.

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Would you be willing to help at the Lake Region Marching Band Festival that is held in Groton on Friday October 7th? We need lots of volunteers!

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If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to address them with Mrs. Yeigh at any time. Thanks for your support!