**8-12 Band**

*8-12 Band Monday-Friday 11:21-12:14*

*8-12 Choir Monday-Friday 11:48-12:14*

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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%- Pep or Marching Band Events 10%- Extra Assignment

**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!

* Each Concert or Contest event will be worth 100 points.

**Pep or Marching Band Events (20%)**

* Groton Parades & Roncalli Festival will be worth 50 points
* Gypsy Days will be worth 75 points
* Pep Band will be worth 25 points (DH’s worth 40 points)

**Extra Assignment (10%)**

* Each 9-12 Band Student will complete an extra assignment each semester to earn completing of a fine arts credit. This is worth 50 Points.
* The first assignment will be due no later than Monday December 14th. The second assignment will be due no later than Monday May 9th.

The following can be completed to earn your extra assignment grade:

\*Having a weekly band lesson with instructor. This must be consistent.

\*Preparation of All State Band material and successfully completing an audition.

\*Being nominated/auditioned for an honor band and successfully performing in the event.

\*Being involved in Flex Band

\*Being a member of the pit band for show choir

\*Preparing and performing a solo or ensemble at small group group contest.

\*Being an accompanist for any instrumental contest of any age group.

\*Directing pep band or taking on any consistent leadership role.

\*30 minutes of volunteer time to Mrs. Yeigh (Before or after school)

\*Attending a music concert and writing a review on it. (See Mrs. Yeigh for details)

\*Music Magazine Article or Report on a composer (See Mrs. Yeigh for details)

GROUPS

**Marching Band**

The parades we will be marching in is our Homecoming Parade, NSU Gypsy Days Parade, Roncalli Marching Festival, 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 all marching performances are the school marching band uniforms, black shoes, and black socks.

**Pep Band**

We will be playing for most athletic games and these performances are REQUIRED of your grade. Any absences need to be approved through Mrs. Yeigh before the game, and again needs a phone call or an e-mail from a parent. Please keep in mind how important your attendance is due to students being out for participation in sports and other school events.

**Flex Band**

Anyone is encouraged to be a part of Flex Band, but it is not required. Flex Band will start practicing after marching season. Rehearsals will be before school from 7:45-8:15 on Tuesday and Thursdays. Rehearsals may be added as needed. The Flex Band will perform at Concerts and the Pop’s Concert in April.

**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 4 Concert Band Programs that are REQUIRED of your grade: Veteran’s Day, Christmas Concert, Large Group Contest, and Spring Concert. Work is not an excused absence to miss a concert. We will be attending Small Group Contest in February which is optional for individual students. 8th Graders will be participating in a music contest held in Groton as well. You are all asked to work a shift at 1 Pop’s Concert Performance (unless you are in Show Choir or Flex Band).

**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**

-You will be required to pay a $10.00 fee for the use of marching uniforms. This goes towards dry cleaning uniforms.

-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 am still hoping to have a successful and fun year! We can do this!**

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| **8-12 High School Band Schedule** | | |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **PEP BAND 2022-23 *(Dates/Times subjected to change)*** | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | **DAY** | **DATE** | **EVENT** | **REPORT TIME** |  |  |  |
|  | Friday | Aug 26th | Football (Pregame Only) | 6:15 |  | |  |
|  | Tuesday | Aug 30th | Volleyball | 6:15 |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday | Sept 8th | Volleyball | 6:15 |  |  |  |
|  | Monday | Sept 19th | Coronation | 6:15 |  |  |  |
|  | Tuesday | Sept 20th | Volleyball (Homecoming) | 6:15 |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday | Sept 22nd | Volleyball (Homecoming) | 6:15 |  |  |  |
|  | Friday | Sept 23rd | Football (Homecoming) | 6:15 |  |  |  |
|  | Friday | Sept 30th | Football (No School Day!) | 6:15 |  |  |  |
|  | Monday | Oct 17th | Volleyball | 6:15 |  |  |  |
|  | Friday | Oct 21st | Volleyball | 6:15 |  |  |  |
|  | *FB Playoff Dates: 10/20, 10/27, 11/4* | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | *VB Region Dates: 11/1, 11/3, 11/8* | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday | Dec 15th | Boys Basketball |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday | Jan 5th | Girls Basketball |  |  |  |  |
|  | Monday | January 23rd | GBB/BBB (Double Header) | TBA |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday | February 2nd | GBB/BBB (Double Header) | TBA |  |  |  |
|  | Tuesday | February 7th | Boys Basketball |  |  |  |  |
|  | Friday | February 24th | Boys Basketball |  |  |  |  |
|  | *GBB Region Dates: 2/21, 2/23, 3/2* | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | *BBB Region Dates: 2/28, 3/3, 3/7* | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Marching Band** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Friday | Sept 23rd | Homecoming Parade | 1:00 PM |  |  |  |
|  | Wed | Sept 28th | Roncalli Marching Festival | 9:30 AM |  |  |  |
|  | Friday | October 7th | Lake Region Marching Festival | 10:00 AM |  |  |  |
|  | Saturday | October 8th | Gypsy Days | 9:00 AM |  |  |  |
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| **Concerts/Contests** | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Friday | Nov. 11th | Veteran's Day Program | TBA |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday | Dec. 8th | MS/HS Winter Concert | 7:00 PM |  |  |  |
|  | Wednesday | Feb 8th | Small Group Contest-Aberdeen | TBA |  |  |  |
|  | Wednesday | March 29th | Large Group Contest- NSU | TBA |  |  |  |
|  | Sunday | April 2nd | Pop's Concert | 2:00 & 5:00 |  |  |  |
|  | Saturday | April 29th | Groton Contest (6-8 Grade) |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday | May 4th | Spring Concert/Awards Night | 7:00 PM |  |  |  |
|  | Sunday | May 14th | Graduation | 14:00 |  |  |  |
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| **Other Events (Not Required)** | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Fri-Sat | Dec 2-3 | North Area Honor Band |  |  |  |  |
|  | Friday | Jan 27th | HS All State Band Auditions |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thurs-Sat | March 23-25 | HS All State Band- Sioux Falls |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Tuesday | Oct. 11th | Northwestern MS Festival |  |  |  |  |
|  | Friday | Dec. 16th | MS All State Band Audition Due |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | March 3-4 | MS All State Band- Huron |  |  |  |  |
|  | Tuesday | March 14th | MS Talent Show |  |  |  |  |

Lettering Policy

*You need 60 points to receive a letter*

\*\*If you are in band from 9-12th grade for four consecutive years, you will receive a letter when you are a senior.

*Ways to earn points for your letter:*

Color Guard Member- 20 Points

Color Guard Captain- 20 Points

Drum Major/Banner Carrier- 20 Points

Member of Flex Band (all year) - 40 Points

Audition for any honor band/clinic- 20 Points

Acceptance into any honor band/clinic- 30 points

Play a solo at contest- 20 Points

Receiving a superior at contest for solo- 30 Points

Play in a small ensemble at contest- 20 Points

Receiving a superior at contest for ensemble- 30 Points

Instrumental performance in the community, MS Talent Show, or Pop’s Concert -20 Points

Soloist at concert- 10 Points

Students taking consistent lessons with Mrs. Yeigh- 20 Points

Section Leader in Pep, Flex, Marching or Concert Band- 10 Points

Helping Mrs. Yeigh with any extra task- 10 Points

Performing National Anthem on your instrument- 10 Points each time

Member of Show Choir Pit Band (all year)- 40 Points

**The director reserves the right to give a letter to an individual member that is deserving of it.**

This form states that both the **student and a parent** have read and understand the High School Band Syllabus.

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Student(s) Signature Date

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Parent Signature Date

Please read and sign this permission slip and return it to Mrs. Yeigh to receive your by Wednesday August 31st

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to address them with Mrs. Yeigh at anytime!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT!