**Middle School (JH) Band**

***Monday-Fridays 11:40-12:14***

*5-12 Band Website: www.grotonareaband.weebly.com*

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Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year of Band! I’m excited to work with each and every one of you again this year. I have an “open door policy” which means that my door is always open if you ever need to address any concerns.

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 you use owned by the Groton Area School District.
* When I am in the front of the room at the podium and I put my hand up, you are to be quiet until further instruction.
* All of 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 when you are ready to sit in your chair.
* Band rehearsals should be treated as performances. Play 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.
* We can be successful if you are quiet and following directions.

*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 and improve if you don’t play to your full potential during rehearsals.

**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.)
* Sentence writing or cleaning up band music/files

**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/Practice Min. 10% Assignments/Pencil Quizzes

**Daily Participation (40%)**

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

-An instrument is forgotten- lose 5 points

-Music or any other equipment is forgotten including marching shoes- lose 3 points

-Talking or being disrespectful during band- could lose up to all 10 points

-You leave/skip any part of class without permission- receives a zero

(If you don’t have your instrument or music you will lose 7 points)

\*\*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%)**

The attendance on all pep, marching, and concert band performances make up a large part of your grade. 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, or it will be unexcused and a zero grade. 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.
* Each Concert or Contest event will be worth 100 points.

**Weekly Lessons/Practice Minutes (20%)**

You will be required to have a band lesson once a week. Each lesson will be worth 15 points. You will also be required to turn in practice minutes for a grade. Practice can be done outside of school or in the practice rooms at school. Practice minutes will be check every lesson and at least 70 minutes is encouraged for each week.

**Pencil Quizzes (10%):**

Random pencil quizzes will be 5 points. You either have a pencil or you don’t.

GROUPS

**Marching Band**

We will 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 is the gold Groton JH Marching Band T-shirts with NICE JEANS or JEAN CAPRIS (No holes or cut-offs) and a tennis shoe. The dress attire for the Lake Region Marching Festival is the gold Groton JH Marching Band T-shirts with BLACK PANTS! Plan ahead for this!**

NOTE: for the Lake Region Marching festival we will be asking each student to bring a pan of individually cut and wrapped bars as in the previous years.

**Pep Band**

We will be playing 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 4 Concert Band Programs that are REQUIRED of your grade: Veteran’s Day, Christmas Concert, Webster 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.

**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.

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

\*\*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 into a basket if needed. I do NOT want to see them in my class.

**I hope to have a successful year. Just remember when you put forth the effort amazing things will happen for the band program!**

**JH BAND EVENTS**

**These are subject to change. All changes and events will be listed of the band website!**

**Date Event Time**

Fri. Sept 20th Marching Band Homecoming Parade 1:00 pm

\*Tues. Oct 15th Honor Band Northwestern MS TBA

Music Festival

Fri. Oct. 11th Marching Band Lake Region Festival 10:00 am

Mon. Nov 11th Concert Band Veteran’s Day Program TBA

Thurs. Dec 5th Concert Band MS/HS Christmas Concert 7:00 pm

Fri. Feb. 7th BBB Pep Band JH Pep Band Night 7:00 pm

\*March 6th-7th MS All State MS All State Band- Mitchell TBA

Thurs. March 12th Fundraiser MS Talent Show 7:00 pm

Sat. May 2nd Contest MS Band Contest- Webster TBA

Tues. May 5th Concert Band MS Spring Concert (6-8) 7:00 pm

**\*Events not required of everyone**

**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 when 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 Middle School Band Syllabus.

**This page ONLY needs to be returned to Mrs. Yeigh by Thursday Aug 29th**

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Student(s) Signature Date

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Parent Signature Date

*As a last resort, if your child needed to have a lesson during general classes such as English, History, or Science- do you okay this? We try to avoid Math and Reading.*

\_\_\_\_ YES, feel free to do whatever you need to do

\_\_\_ NO, please do not take my child out of general classes

Please list below if there is a specific class you do not want your child taken out of if you checked YES. Leave it blank if you don’t have a preference.

*Would you be willing to help at the Lake Region Marching Festival on Friday October 11th?*

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

If yes, what is the best way to contact you?

*Does your child have a JH Groton Marching Band T-shirt, and if not what size? (Cost at most will be $15-please don’t send money yet)*

We have a Band Newsletter that we send out. Please list your e-mail address if you would rather receive the letter electronically. (Leave blank if you would like to receive the newsletter by mail)

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