

Beginning Band Syllabus

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Mr. Payne and Mr. Limback will team-teach woodwind classes.

Mr. Payne will be the lead teacher for the brass class.

Mr. Limback will be the lead teacher for the percussion class.

Please direct communications to the appropriate director.

www.redregimentband.weebly.com/middle-school

Course Description:

The purpose of this class is to introduce basic technique and musicality to wind players. Students will learn proper breathing, posture, instrument technique, music reading skills, and large group behavior skills. Students who successfully complete the beginning band course should be ready for Intermediate Band. Students who achieve at a high level will be presented with an opportunity to try out for the Advanced Band at the end of the year.

Immediate Concerns:

Palen Music will hold their rental night on September 7th in the Middle School Commons area. Please email the appropriate director if you need help securing an instrument. Students will need the **blue Measures of Success Book 1** for their appropriate instrument, which will be available to purchase at the instrument rental night. Students will also need a **1 inch 3-Ring Binder with 10-12 clear pages for sheet music**. Students need to have an **instrument, method book, and binder by Monday, September 11th**.

Practice Expectations:

Just like athletics, practice in band is the best way to improve skills. Students should be practicing 10-20 minutes per day minimum if they want to improve. We don't require practice but students will get regularly scheduled in class playing assessments grades. Students who do not show improvement on skills during their in class work will be assigned a weekly recording assignment. These should be done at home.

Concerts:

The beginning band will have two concerts this year. The winter concert will be on Friday, December 1st at 7 PM and the spring concert will be on Thursday, May 9th at 7 PM. Both concerts will be held in the Performance Arts Auditorium at the High School. **Concert attendance is NOT** required for beginning band students. However, these concerts are our final assessment of the students' performance standard as outlined by state and national music standards. Students will get a grade on a reflection assignment based on their performance in our concerts. If a student can not attend the concert, they will play for a director or record with a play along and do the reflection based off of that performance. Students will not receive a lower grade for not attending concerts, but will receive a lower score if they do not complete the alternative assignment. I hope everyone will be excited about hearing their students perform for the first time! It is always a fun event and our groups have continued to improve every year!

Expectations and Classroom Behavior:

1. Respect others and yourself
2. Maintain a positive attitude
3. If it's not yours, don't touch it!
4. Participate in all activities with focus and energy
5. Want to learn and get better!
6. Work well with your peers and staff

Late Work/Mastery:

Students not only can turn in late work, but are required to do so. Our students also must complete work at a mastery level before the assignment is considered complete. Some students will have to attempt some assignments multiple times in order to get them finished at the proper achievement level.

Grading:

The Beginning Band Classes will follow the Standard Based Grading model with the other 6th grade classes. It is important that students complete all assignments in band to an appropriate level, not only to stay off the ICU list but to also stay on pace with everyone in class.

Classroom Discipline:

Most of our discipline is taken care of by enforcing our expectations and keeping kids engaged in class. Here are some common problems we have and how we take care of them in class:

1. Student doesn't bring their instrument, folder, or pencil to class
Students will call home to inform the parents.
 - First time: Students will remain in class and participate in the class the best they can without their material.
 - Second time: they will call home again and work on a different project during class
 - Third time: Call home and assign after school detention
2. Student talks excessively
 - Student will be moved to a different location in the room.
 - If the problem persists the student will call home and the teacher will discuss the problem with the parent to find a solution.
3. Other offenses will receive a call home and be handled according to the school discipline code

Remind:

This year we will be using the Remind App as a means of communication. To join the 6th grade remind group text @stjbeband to 81010.

Please Contact US!:

6th grade is a year full of changes for students and parents. When you have any questions or concerns

please contact the directors right away. Whether it is good or bad, we want to help you work it out.
Thank you for reading to the end! We are so excited to have your student in class and for the year ahead!

2023-2024
Beginning Band Syllabus Acknowledgment

I have read and understand the expectations and policies outlined in the St. James Beginning Band Syllabus.

Student Name - Please Print _____

Student email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name - Please Print: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: August 2023