

INTERMEDIATE BAND COURSE

SYLLABUS

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ALL BAND CLASSES ARE PERFORMANCE BASED. ALL STUDENTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN PERFORMANCE TO EARN CREDIT FOR THE COURSE!

PERIODS 3B

DESCRIPTION: STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A REINFORCEMENT OF TECHNIQUES LEARNED IN BEG. BAND ALONG WITH STUDY OF NEW TECHNIQUES IN ORDER TO ENHANCE STUDENT'S TECHNICAL, AND MUSICAL ABILITIES. ALL LESSONS WILL BE IN DIRECT CORRELATION WITH THE APPROVED STATE STANDARDS FOR INTERMEDIATE BAND

PRE-REQUISITE: BEGINNING BAND *****Private Lessons are not required but strongly encouraged*****

OUTLINE AND OBJECTIVES: Students in this course will be able to identify musical terminology, create and dictate basic rhythm, and be able to construct playing phrases with proper accuracy. Students will engage in various ensembles in the program ranging from marching to concert settings. At the end of the course, the student will have a better understanding of proper technique and tone production for his or her prospective instrument.

Students involved in an intermediate band studies course will have the opportunity to accelerate their musical knowledge by the increase rigor from their prospective beginning band course in middle or high school. Various styles and periods of music artistry will be explored. Students will be expected to increase the amount of practice hours and will serve in our program in some capacity. **This is a performance based class, meaning that the major grades come from the preparation for a performance, and the actual performance. Students engage in activities that introduce new theoretical concepts, new rudiment structures, new scale requirements, and new reading requirements. These classes serve as pre-requisites for all advanced ensembles i.e. Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and Marching Band.*

IBMYP- Middle Years Programme

This course is part of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme at North Atlanta High School which aims to help IBMYP learners to become inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective. The learning experiences will allow students to gain analytical skills to promote informed decision-making, engage in teamwork and collaboration, frame their own inquiries, pursue personal aspirations, set challenging goals and have persistence to achieve them. Students will work towards a deepening of their conceptual understanding as they approach concepts from a range of perspectives. As concepts are studied throughout the year, the following global contexts will be in constant consideration: identities and relationships, orientation in time and space, fairness and development, globalization and sustainability, scientific and technical innovation, and personal and cultural expression. IBMYP Assessments aim to support and

courage student learning by providing feedback and promoting deep understanding of subject content by supporting students in their inquiry in real-world contexts. Specific assessment criteria with subject objectives will be provided. A year-long IBMYP personal project accompanied by a journal is to be produced at the end of the 10th grade year. The personal project enables students to engage in practical exploration through a cycle of inquiry, action, and reflection. Timelines and descriptions of tasks will be provided.

IBMYP: From principles to practice

MATERIALS: PERSONAL INSTRUMENTS ARE ALWAYS ENCOURAGED BUT WE HAVE INSTRUMENTS ACCESSIBLE TO STUDENTS. THERE MAY BE A SHORTAGE ON A CERTAIN INSTRUMENT AND YOU MAY BE ASKED TO RENT.

- Mouthpiece (all students are required to have their own personal mouthpieces, stick bags, sticks, and mallets daily)
- Notebook (should include paper staff paper, sheet protectors and pockets for keeping handouts)
- Pencils
- Valve oil, slide grease, reeds, rotor oil reeds, neck straps.

(RENTAL PLACES: SAM ASHE MUSIC, CENTURY MUSIC, JACKSON'S MUSIC, KEN STANTON MUSIC, MUSIC AND ARTS CENTERS)

SMART MUSIC/DROP BOX/GOOGLE DRIVE

*This year our Arts program will be moving in a new direction in terms of quality instruction. We will be adapting a software based, interactive program for PC or Mac that will allow for maximum instruction time and efficient practice time for the students. This program is called Smart Music. Smart music will allow students to access a wide array of practice materials right from their own computer. This program provides immediate feedback to the students and teachers about their playing or singing and will ultimately make our students stronger and competitive. Assignments can be given and progress can be checked via computer or smart phone. This will allow for response, grading, and critique to come in real time. Smart Music is one of the leading education tools for music educators in the country and it is time we got on board. It is our plan to have smart music installed on several computers here at school but it is strongly encouraged that each student have their own subscription. **The cost is \$36.00 per year for students.** This is an awesome deal. We understand that times are tight, but this is an investment worth while. Please visit smartmusic.com to see more about this wonderful product and register.*

Drop Box/Google Drive is software that can be freely uploaded to laptops and desktops and there is an app that can be downloaded to any smartphone. **Every student must have a Dropbox Account and or a Google Chrome Acct.** This will be our primary source of viewing assessments. Frequently, tests, quizzes, projects and other playing assignments should be sent to me via drop box or Google Drive. This will help the students monitor their progress over the course of the year; force them to practice, and saves space on computers and hard drives.

TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE ENTIRE PROGRAM, IT IS VITAL THAT WE ARE ABLE TO FUND THE PROGRAM. THERE ARE MANY OPERATIONS TAKING PLACE FROM MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, TO TRAVEL. THIS YEAR WE ARE IMPLEMENTING A BAND MAINTENANCE FEE OF \$20.00 THIS IS A ONE TIME FEE PER STUDENT, NOT PER CLASS. THERE IS NO FEE IF A STUDENT IS IN MARCHING BAND. THIS COST WILL HELP OFFSET COSTS WITH RUNNING A SUPERIOR PROGRAM SUCH AS:

- **MINOR INSTRUMENT REPAIR**
- **TRAVEL COSTS FOR FIELD TRIP**
- **CHARMS OFFICE ASSISTANT FOR STUDENTS, AND PARENTS**
- **IN SCHOOL PRIVATE INSTRUCTION AND MASTERCLASSES FROM PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS AND CLINICIANS MUSIC**

THIS FEE IS DUE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AUGUST 24TH AND 25TH. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS ARRISE. PLEASE CONTACT ME IF THERE IS ONE AND WE CAN DEVELOP A PLAN.

GRADING:

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT 45%

(IN THIS COURSE LACK OF PARTICIPATION WILL RESULT IN FAILURE!!) A STUDENT WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IF THEIR DAILY PARTICIPATION REGIMENT IS INADEQUATE. THIS ALSO ACCOUNTS FOR ATTENDANCE IN REHEARSALS AND IN ALL CLASS PERIODS. STUDENTS MUST BE PREPARED WITH ALL MATERIALS I.E. INSTRUMENT, NOTEBOOKS, MUSIC ETC DAILY. FORMATIVE ASSESMENT IS OUR DAY TO DAY OPERATION OF EVALUATION INCLUSIVE OF HANDOUTS, DAILY PLAYING ASSIGNMENTS, HOMEWORK QUIZZES, AND ANY OTHER DAILY EXERCISE OR REHEARSALS

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT 45%

SUMATIVE ASSESMENT ACCOUNTS FOR MASTERY OF CONCEPTS OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. PLAYING AND WRITTEN TESTS, PERFORMANCES, AND PROJECTS. THERE WILL BE A PLAYING AND OR WRITTEN TEST GIVEN PERIODICALLY TO ASSES STUDENT'S PRACTICE HABITS AND PROGRESSION. MOST TESTS WILL NEED TO BE TAPED AND SENT TO ME VIA DROP BOX/GOOGLE DRIVE

FINAL EXAM 10%

THE FINAL EXAM WILL HAPPEN AT THE END OF EACH SEMESTER AND WILL CONSIST OF A PLAYING AND WRITTEN COMPONENT.

PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE CREDITS

THERE WILL BE ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN WHERE STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO OBSERVE PERFORMANCES IN AND OUT OF THE BAND DISCIPLINE TO GAIN FURTHER KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENTIRE PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS DISCIPLINES. IT IS VITAL THAT STUDENTS BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE, RELATE, CRITIQUE, ANALYZE, AND DECONSTRUCT PERFORMANCES BY BOTH THEIR PEERS AND PROFESSIONALS. CONTINGENCY PLANS WILL BE PROVIDED IN CASE OF TRANSPORTATION ISSUES ETC. ASSIGNMENTS WILL CONSIST OF BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, CRITIQUES, SUMMARIES, INTERACTIVE ASSESSMENTS, AND INTERVIEWS ETC. THIS WILL BE INCLUDED INTO THE FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT GRADE.

(I.e. a visit to the High Museum, seeing the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, attending the NAHS Orchestra Concert etc.)

A STUDENT CAN MAKE UP ANY PLAYING TEST OR QUIZ GRADE AT ANY TIME AND ON SELECT OCCASSIONS, A STUDENT CAN RETAKE A PLAYING TEST OR QUIZ, BUT THERE WILL NOT BE MAKE UP WORK FOR MISSED PERFORMANCES. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY

It is our goal to produce quality students through the study of the arts. Through performance and the discipline it takes to properly rehearse, students will be able to apply these concepts into all aspects of learning, creating a better-rounded student.