Orchestra Syllabus

2019-2020

In class expectations...

**In seat ready to go at the start of class.

**Class will run as follows:

- 1.) Announcements
- 2.) Tuning
- 3.) Warm-ups/Scales (different depending on day of the week)
- 4.) Run through pieces or book work

**There should be no talking during class unless instructed to do so. Music is so dependent on our ears, and talking will hinder your ability to hear instructions and the music.

In class expectations continued...

**Every day you must have your folder, music and pencil. We mark a lot of things in our music so ALWAYS have your music and pencil.

**Pass Procedures:

- 1.) Raise Hand:
 - a.) Hold up 1 finger for bathroom
 - b.) Hold up 2 fingers for locker
 - c.) Hold up 3 fingers for office
- 2.) Once you get a thumbs up from teacher head to passes, sign the pass out with an "X" by your name and go to where you need to.
 - a.) When you get back PLEASE be sure to put pass back.

Assignments and Tests/Quizzes

**Practice Journals are due every Monday. These are to be filled out ahead of time and must have the date and your name on in every week.

**We will have several small quizzes each marking period ranging from playing quizzes to vocab to rhythm quizzes.

--These quizzes could be ind. or by section.

**We will have one large playing test a semester. These will be for an overall grade out of 100 points.

--Other playing quizzes could be recorded or live in class.

Concert Dates/Information

- **November 21 (7th/8th only)
- **December 17 (6th only)
- **February 27th (Festival--7th/8th only)
- **March 23rd (6th only)
- **April 27th (All School Orchestra Night)
- **May 20th (6th-8th final concert)

Concert Dates/Information continued...

******You are expected to be at ALL the concerts.

**If there is a school related game or event on the same day talk to Mrs. Shannon so that can be resolved.

**Skipping a concert results in a o/100 points.

--Concerts go into the 60% column of your orchestra grade.

**If you are sick the day of the concert please have a parent email so you can get a make-up assignment.

Concert Dates/Information continued...

******Students are required to wear a uniform to the concerts.

--8th Grade students: White polo, black pants and black shoes

--6th/7th Grade students: Black polo, black pants and black shoes

*6th grade students will be given more information about ordering uniform shirts later in the fall. If 7th or 8th graders lost their shirt they should talk to Mrs. Shannon about getting a replacement.



**I am SO excited for the year ahead and the music that's going to be made in class and on stage!

**6th Grade: VERY excited to start your music journey this year! The harder you work the easier it will get!

**7th and 8th grade: Let's get ready to get some division 1 ratings at Festival!! You are all able to do this!