**Port St. Lucie High School Band**

**Syllabus**

**2021-2022 School Year**

***Symphonic Band (3rd pd.) and Wind Ensemble (6th pd.)***

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**Class Details:** In these courses, students will receive an in-depth instrumental education that focuses on developing the skills of a “performing musician”. Students will be trained to deepen their knowledge of playing their individual instrument, as well as understanding many musical elements that will encourage them to “own their own musicianship”. All students enrolled in these classes will be considered proud members of the “Pride of Port St. Lucie; The Marching Jaguars”. All Marching Jaguars will be expected to participate in events outside of class time, such as rehearsals, football games, competitions, parades, and other community events. These will be a graded part of the curriculum.

**COVID-19 Statement:**

There will still be some COVID 19 policies in place per St. Lucie School Board. Students who test positive for COVID will have to take the required quarantine time as stated by the health department. Students who are not vaccinated and are considered to be “close contact” to a positive student, will also have to quarantine. Fully vaccinated students will not have to quarantine unless they test positive, or are showing symptoms to COVID 19. If you are sick, please stay home!

**Materials Needed:**

* Appropriate band instrument of the highest quality available. (due to COVID-19 limitations- acquiring your OWN instrument through purchasing or renting is INCREDIBLY important if possible. School instruments are limited).
* Quality Mouthpiece (please see Mr. Wiley for specific recommendations).
* Necessary accessories for your specific instrument (reeds, valve oil, sticks/mallets, etc.)
  + Percussion specific – Recommend Steve Weiss Best Seller Stick Pack #1. At least snare sticks and one pair of mallets.
* Tonal Energy (TE Tuner) App, available through Google Play and App Store.
* Flip Folder and Lyre for your instrument
* **Two (2) pencils for your band folder.**
* Personal, reusable water bottle.

**Classroom Expectations:**

* Actively participate in class by playing your instrument / part to the best of your ability.
* Focus on your assigned task and complete it without getting distracted or distracting others.
* Come to class having practiced or studied any materials you find difficult and be attentive when the band director is teaching or reviewing concepts.
* Let the band director know if help is needed with a particular musical passage or concept.

**Classroom Rules:**

* Arrive to class quietly, ahead of time, with all required materials ready to begin promptly at the designated class time.
* Be respectful of your peers and band director by avoiding disruptive behavior (talking out of turn, horseplay, **profanity**, etc.)
* **Leave ALL food and drink outside the band room (except for water in your sealable container.)**
* Treat all peers, materials, facilities, and the band director with respect.
* Raise your hand for permission to speak, or to be excused to the restroom

**Consequences for infractions:**

* Verbal warning.
* Parental phone call/conference/citation.
* Discipline referral to the Dean’s office/demerit.
* Removal from the band program.

**Consequences for Good Behavior:**

* Positive praise and standing within the organization.
* Advancement within the band organization.
* **A sense of accomplishment and pride in your performance.**

**Grading Policy:**

This course will be graded on four categories.

* Class “buy in”. Labeled as “participation” in Skyward. (100 points per class period)
* Rehearsals. Labeled as “laboratory” in skyward. (100 points per rehearsal)
* Playing tests- (100 points per assignment.)
* Performance Attendance (100-300 points depending on the performance)

All playing tests will use a “competency” system. If after taking the test the student receives a grade lower than 85%, students are encouraged to take the test again until the student earns an 85% or higher. In order to exercise this option, the student must meet with the band director and discuss the original test and how to improve. Due to increased time to prepare for a test retake, the student will be held to a higher standard and all retakes must be completed within two weeks of the original test date.

**Attendance:**

Students in band are required to be at **all** official band events (performances and rehearsals). The Band Director may make exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis in instances of *extreme* hardship. Students must keep themselves informed of the band schedule which will be announced in class, and communicated online through Charms, Remind101, and placed on the band calendar (pslhsband.com)

***Unexcused absences from any event will negatively affect a student’s grade.***

To **request** that an absence be excused, an absentee form must be filled out and emailed to the director. For all foreseeable issues, the forms must be on file ONE WEEK before the event in question. For any emergencies, the forms must be filed within ONE DAY of the student’s return. The director will review the requests and excuse absences only for legitimate reasons including:

* A death in the immediate family
* Illness (medical documentation from a physician will be required)
* Unavoidable Emergencies (documentation will be required)
* Other situations at the director’s discretion

It is the responsibility of the student to check with the director after filing an absentee form to see if the absence has been excused and to collect assigned make-up work.

**Remember, as a member of the band, you are part of a team. Your absence from any official function hurts not just you but the entire group as a whole.**

The solution to all attendance issues: **PLAN AHEAD!!** Let your parents/guardians know immediately when an event is scheduled and discuss any possible conflicts. There are very few issues that cannot be resolved without a little bit of foresight. Discuss any issues with the Band Director ahead of time, and things will work out!

**Marching and Concert Band Rehearsals:**

**Band Fee :**

The band dues this year are $100 for all members. Typically the fee is $200 per student. Due to the restrictions COVID-19 has placed on bands, the costs to run a functional band program are less. This fee is the minimum amount that should cover the following expenses; Music, Instrument Repair, Musical Equipment, PPE Equipment, band snacks and other supplies. **EMAIL ME WITH ANY CONCERNS AND WE WILL WORK IT OUT!**

**Classroom Procedures:**

1. Students will stand on a socially distanced outside of the band room door along the walls and wait to be sent in, in small groups as directed by the director.
2. Students will enter the classroom in small groups as directed by the director, maintaining at least 6 feet distance from each other **at all times**, and follow the designated pathway to their locker. They will then grab their folder, set up their instrument, put the empty instrument case (and backpack, if locker size allows) under their chair, then make their way to their assigned seat. Instruments and Backpacks should never be in the aisleways.
3. Once class begins, students need to stay in their assigned area. If you need to get out of your seat, raise your hand and ask the band director. Restroom breaks are on an emergency basis only.
4. To ask a question or make a comment, students need to raise their hand and wait to be recognized. Otherwise, students need to actively **LISTEN** to the band director and their peers and **PARTICIPATE** in class. **TALKING**, unless when prompted by the band director, is disruptive and will not be tolerated.
5. At the band director’s signal, students need to gather their materials and put them back where they belong, in a similar matter to entering the class. Once instruments and folders are properly stored in their respective lockers or storage rooms, students will return to their seats and wait to be dismissed. **NO PERSONAL ITEMS SHOULD BE LEFT OUT IN THE ROOM.**

**PLEASE REVIEW THIS SYLLABUS IN ITS ENTIRETY, SIGN, AND RETURN TO MR. WILEY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, AUGUST 13th, 2021. BY SIGNING THIS FORM, YOU ARE AGREEING TO AND ACCEPTING ALL INFORMATION ON THIS SYLLABUS. THIS IS THE FIRST TEST GRADE!**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_