

## **MLHS Band**

### **Class Description**

The MLHS Band is open to high school students who wants to further study instrumental music. A minimum of one year of study on an instrument is required. The class is made up of in class rehearsals, concerts, competitions and performances at athletic events. The ultimate goal of this ensemble is to prepare students to be lifelong musicians, not only for their own enjoyment, but also for service in the Church.

*“The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.” - J.S. Bach*

### **Class Procedures**

- Be in the room getting out instruments, equipment, music etc. by the time class begins.
- Check the board for any announcements as well as the order of the day’s rehearsal.
- Rehearsal starts 5 minutes after class does (2:23 pm). Everyone should have their instrument, music, PENCIL, and other necessary equipment ready to go at this time.
- At the end of class, clean up your music and other equipment. Once your stuff is away, look to help others (especially percussion) who may need an extra hand.

### **Policies**

- DO NOT play instruments that are not yours to play. This includes (but is not limited to) percussion, the piano, or any other instruments left around the room.
- Music and folders belong to MLHS. It is your responsibility to take care of music or pay for its replacement. Band music is not cheap. A single part generally costs at LEAST \$3, when available. If single parts are not available a whole set may need to be purchased. This costs upwards of \$45 in most cases. If you lose or damage music, the cost to replace it is yours.
- No food or drink of any sort, except water bottles, is permitted at any time.
- It is permissible to use a smartphone or similar device (iPod, tablet etc.) as a tuner or metronome if they have these functions. However, if I deem that its use is either a distraction or outside the scope of band class, I will confiscate it. Any other electronic devices are not to be used (or heard) during this time.
- Practice cards (and other assignments) are to be turned in to the designated area.

## **Consequences**

1<sup>st</sup> offense: Verbal Warning

2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Deduction in Behavior grade

Further offenses will result in additional deductions as well as referral to school disciplinary procedures.

## **Required Materials**

Instrument, Band Folder, Music, PENCIL

## **Grading Scale and Weights**

Behavior / Attitude / Materials / in class Sectional work – 30%

Performance/Participation – 50%

Excused Absences = Parent/Guardian note/email 4 weeks in advance

= Phone call of emergency sickness/family issue

(Mr. S - Cell: 507.407.0210)

Practice Cards: 90 mins/wk. – 20%

Practice cards are due weekly.

## **Extra Credit Opportunities:**

Points can be earned for:

- \* Concert/musical attendance outside of school event (turn in program w\ PC: 30 mins).
- \* Participation in church instrumental ensemble (bells, brass group, accompanying - up to 30 mins/ week on practice cards)
- \* Private lessons on primary instrument (30 mins/lesson on practice card)
- \* Practicing on a secondary instrument on which you are taking lessons (up to 30 mins/wk)
- \* Participation in solo/small ensemble contest (substitutes for two practice cards)

## **Performance Schedule**

Thursday, Oct. 4 - Volleyball Pep Band

Saturday, Dec. 15 - Christmas Concert @ Fairmont Opera House

Thursday, Mar. 14 - Solo & Small Ensemble Contest @ MSU

Tuesday, Mar 26 - Sacred Concert

Saturday, May 18 - Pops Concert

Other performances such as Church Services, Pep Band games and other functions may be added as the year goes. Notice will be given well in advance of any added performances. Penalties for absences of added performances will be given consideration based on how far in advance notice is given.

Performances of all kinds (concerts, church, pep band etc.) are part a vital part of the coursework. **All performances are mandatory including pep band games.** Absence to any one performance will result in your grade being lowered by 1 letter grade. Exceptions are made for family emergencies and sudden illnesses. Absences may be pre-arranged a MINIMUM of FOUR WEEKS in advance of these listed dates. Extra work may be assigned to account for the missed coursework (performance). Arrangements for extra work will be made in advance for pre-excused absences.

### **Concert Attire**

**Gentlemen:** MLHS will provide you with a black Tux Jacket, a black tie, and a black cummerbund. You must supply your own pair of black dress pants, a white Oxford shirt, black socks, and a pair of black dress shoes.

**Ladies:** You must wear black skirt or dress (must be knee-length or longer), black nylons or tights and black dress shoes. If wearing skirt must wear nice black top with sleeves. Anyone that feels pants are more conducive for the playing of their instrument may opt to wear black dress pants (no jeans!).

### **Church Service and Other Performance Attire**

Attire for these events will be discussed prior to the event. Generally gentlemen will be expected to wear shirt and tie (suit coat optional) and ladies will be expected to wear a nice dress or other appropriate church wear.

### **Pep Band Attire**

Pep band attire is a MLHS shirt and nice jeans (no visible rips or tears). A shirt in school colors is also permissible. Remember, even though Pep Band is for athletic events, we are still representing our school. This applies to both conduct and attire.

Improper performance attire will result in deduction from the performance portion of your grade. Any questions regarding attire should be asked well in advance of performances to allow time for you to buy other attire (if necessary).