



CONCERT WINDS FALL 2016 SYLLABUS

Welcome to the 2016 - 2017 school year. This will be an exciting year for the NCWHS Concert Winds. Our goals include creating great music and finding ways to share that music with as many people as possible. We aspire to touch others through our music, and within that process, enrich our own lives as well. To help achieve these lofty goals, you will need the following information.

FOLDERS

You will be assigned a folder for the year. It will have your name and instrument label on the front of the folder. PLEASE do not leave your folder lying on the floor or in the band room. Folders should be kept IN your locker. Because of the large growth of the program over the past two years, we are REALLY limited in the number of folders we have, so care is of the utmost importance. If you loose your folder, you will be responsible for the cost of the folder and the music, and books. (Aprox. \$25.00)

MUSIC

Every student will be issued their own set of parts for the concert. Please write only in pencil on these parts, as we have borrowed music from other schools. Also included in your folder are scale sheets, fingering charts, etc... these are yours to keep.

LOCKERS

Each student will be issued a locker for their instrument. Again, because of growth within the program we are very tight on space. PLEASE only use your assigned locker. We also ask that you keep your locker LOCKED at all times. Your personal insurance on your instrument will NOT cover theft if your locker was unlocked. If you are playing a school owned instrument you must also supply a LOCK. If theft occurs because of your negligence, then you will be asked to cover the cost of the instrument. (Some of the larger instruments costs run between \$2500 - \$5000).

YOUR INSTRUMENT AND MUSIC ARE THE KEY TO THIS EXCITING WORLD – TAKE CARE OF THEM

UNIFORMS

Male members of the ensemble will be fitted for a tuxedo (Pants and a Jacket). You will need to purchase a TUXEDO shirt and a BLACK bow tie. You will also need black shoes and socks. (No gym shoes) If you lose or damage your tuxedo you will be expected to pay the price (\$150.00 each). Female members will be issued a black dress. You will need to purchase, black dress shoes. Your uniform is part of the “professional” image of the school when we perform/travel. Please do not take your appearance lightly!

GRADING

Band is a skill based class. You will be grade on those skills on a regular basis. Playing tests are the most common form of skill assessment. These tests or quizzes can occur during a regular class period. PERFORMANCES are considered a “test” and a missed performance will result in lowering of a quarter grade one letter grade. Excused absences include illness the day of the performance (Not in school), death in the family, immediate family wedding, school sports conflict. (NOTE: Club and outside sporting events are not considered an excused absence) Extra Credit is given for participation in “extra” ensembles such as marching band, jazz band, orchestra winds, musical pit orchestra, flute choir, clarinet choir, saxophone choir, brass choir and Percussion ensemble.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The NCWHS Band web site: www.nwbands.org has all the latest dates including performances, rehearsals, sectionals and meetings. Each student is responsible for checking the calendar monthly. (If you are in need of a hard copy – see Ms. Preston) Before major events – itineraries with specific information will be available in the band room and on the web site.

Make sure you make “note” of the events that apply to you.



FALL PERFORMANCES

NOVEMBER 7th

Monday Evening – **UNIT 5 MUSIC PARENTS SPAGHETTI DINNER**
NCWHS AUDITORIUM - TIME TBA

Featuring: Concert Winds and various Unit 5 musical groups

NOVEMBER 19th

Saturday - ***NCWHS BAND PARENT’S CRAFT SHOW**

**We have small groups perform throughout the day*

DECEMBER 13th

Tuesday Evening - **HOLIDAY JUBILEE BAND CONCERT**

6:00 PM & 7:30 PM (two shows!)- at NCWHS

**we will have a dress rehearsal on Monday December 12 afterschool/evening*

Wednesday December –14th – Auditions for second semester band placements begin

PLEASE NOTE: ON NIGHTS OF CONCERTS, STUDENTS MUST STAY FOR THE ENTIRE CONCERT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CREDIT. PART OF YOUR MUSIC EDUCATION INVOLVES LISTENING SKILLS AS WELL AS APPRECIATION THROUGH BEING AN AUDIENCE MEMBER. THESE SKILLS ARE LEARNED IN A CONCERT SETTING.

AUDITIONS

Each semester, students will audition for a grade and to determine placement in the next semester’s ensembles. The audition will consist of “excerpts” of music they have prepared during class. Scales and Arpeggios will also be part of the audition. These auditions help us to monitor a student’s progress throughout the year. This audition counts as your semester “playing final exam” grade and will appear on your report card as your semester exam grade. We have found many of the seniors that have gone on to take college auditions were “thankful” that they had this experience.

PRIVATE LESSONS

We encourage all instrumentalists to study privately on their instruments. It is proven that a student will progress at a quicker pace with the help of a private instructor. In a large group setting, you may not always receive the “individual” attention needed to work on “technical” and “musical” problems. Private instruction is a way to work on YOUR individual needs. If you would like to study privately, see Ms. Preston or check the band web page for names of teachers.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information or need to contact Ms. Preston the best way is by email at prestols@unit5.org. Please be patient as my daily schedule includes teaching at both NCWHS and PJHS. Again, we encourage you to check out the band website for all the information you may need!

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