***BAND 2 (CONCERT BAND)***

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Welcome to Concert Band! I am very excited to have you in my class. All policies and procedures regarding absences, tardies, grade scale and citizenship are covered in this document. Students are expected to comply with the standards set forth in this document, as well as the School-wide Disclosure Statement. This document, as well as other information regarding the class, can also be found in the Concert Band Canvas course and on my website, *baldguymusic.net*.

COURSE PHILOSOPHY: In this class you will gain an increased knowledge of music, especially relating to advanced band literature and playing techniques. In addition to learning to play a musical instrument in class, we will experience a variety of learning activities such as: creating simple musical passages, learning to read rhythmic and melodic notation, and group performance. Students are REQUIRED to have an instrument (including all necessary items related to that instrument) and a method book. In order to be successful, the students will be expected to practice their instrument EVERY DAY!

GRADING: The grade in this class is a reflection of how well a student meets the academic and participation goals/objectives of the class. The student will earn a grade for assessments (formative and summative), assignments (projects, memorization, concert reports) and classroom/performance attendance and participation. The three components will be combined for the class grade.

* Assessments – 80% of the total grade (This component is measured by attendance at mandatory rehearsals and performances, concert etiquette and playing tests.)
* Assignments – 20% of the total grade (This component is measured by active playing during class and performances, practice logs, rehearsal etiquette, and being prepared with instrument, accessories, all music and a pencil every class period)

Student progress will be measured weekly to track understanding and application of proper band technique, as well as knowledge of music theory lessons. In regard to performances, all performances will be pre-recorded in class and uploaded to the UMS website. There are no in-person performances at this time. There are four performances scheduled: a December Winter performance, a Spring CSD Band Festival performance, the end of the year Spring Performance, and the Solo Festival Performance.

BEHAVIOR CLAUSE: This is an audition class which means that you have proven your skills as an advanced musician. As a Concert Band member you now represent your classmates, Mr. C, UMS Performing Arts Department and the school. As such you are expected to maintain a high standard of behavior by maintaining the CATS Code and other district, school and classroom policies in your everyday interactions with your fellow students and teachers. If you do not live up to this standard both in and out of class, you may be subject to probation or dismissal from the class

ACADEMIC AND CITIZENSHIP GRADING SCALE

See Union Middle School School-Wide Disclosure

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

* I will show respect for all people and property.
* I will trust my teacher and not be afraid to try new or difficult things.
* I will be prepared with all necessary learning materials at the beginning of class.
* I will strive to always improve myself from the previous class.
* I will remove gum from my mouth upon entering the classroom and not eat or drink ANYTHING except water during the class period.

INSTRUMENT RENTALS: In order to participate in the class, every student needs to have access to their own instrument. Students may bring their already owned instrument from home or rent one from a reputable music store (such as Summerhays Music or Riverton Music). Please be aware that purchasing instruments online and/or from big box stores can be risky due to the unreliability of the instrument components, lack of customer support, or other issues. If you are interested in purchasing an instrument in one of these ways, I would be happy to give you my professional opinion about certain brands and things to watch for, or I can point you in the right direction to find comparative analyses. If none of these options works for you, Union Middle School has a VERY limited assortment of band instruments that are available to rent for $80 a year. If you choose to rent from Union, please fill out and submit a signed CSD instrument rental agreement and pay the rental fee of $80 to the main office. Instrument rental agreements can be found on the Canvas course and on my website. Your student will not be allowed to be take home their school-rented instrument until the completed rental agreement AND proof of payment is returned to me. Instrument rentals will begin on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st.** Instruments will be due and used in class starting the first class period after Labor Day. If an instrument is not available to use in class by the end of that week, the student will be removed from the course.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE: The only performance attire required for Concert Band this year is the current Concert Band t-shirt/hoodie. Students will be notified via Canvas on the dates the shirt needs to be worn to school.

COMMUNICATION: I will be sending class information primarily through the email address listed on Skyward and via the announcements page in Canvas. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, I will not be sending handouts home with your students. Please make sure your email address is correct on Skyward so that you do not miss these announcements. If you need to communicate with me, email is the best way to do so. I will try to respond within 24 hours during the school week and within 48 hours over the weekend. You are always welcome to set up a face to face meeting if you feel it necessary.

MOVIES IN CLASS: On occasion, it may be necessary to show videos that relate to the music curriculum and provide a different educational experience, reinforce class lessons, or demonstrate application of learned skills. This can occur on a test day to allow more individual instruction time for those who are struggling, or simply to remove some of the anxiety that comes from performing in front of others. Also, most of the time a video will be shown when there is a substitute due to my absence. While the majority of these videos are G-rated, some of the musicals we will be watching are PG-rated. The movies will ALWAYS be accompanied by a worksheet or study guide. If you are willing for your student to participate in these activities, please sign below and return it to me as soon as possible. If you do not wish to give your student permission to view these activities, please indicate below and an alternative activity will be given to your student.

Concert Band Information Sheet

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information contained in the Concert Band Information Sheet regarding instrument acquisition, grading, citizenship, classroom expectations, behavior clause, performances, dress code, communication and movies.

Class Period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (Please Print)

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Please initial below:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby give my permission for my student to participate in activities in the Concert Band class involving the showing of PG-rated movies.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT give my permission for my student to participate in activities in the Concert Band class involving the showing of PG-rated movies and I request that an alternative activity be provided of equal importance and value.