**7th&8th Grade Browerville Band**

Mr. Stier

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Congratulations on continuing your musical journey here at Browerville! I’m very excited to begin working with all of you this year, and all of the progress we will make together. We’ll be working on improving our general playing including sound quality, balance, blend, and intonation, and new notes as they appear. We’ll be expanding our instrument ranges higher and lower, exploring more articulations, dynamics, and playing some fun music along the way. 7th and 8th grade will be together every day for the 50 minutes. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays will be band days, and Tuesdays and Thursdays will be choir days

**Course Description**

 7th&8th grade band is an elective class that gives the students at Browerville an opportunity to learn together how to play a musical instrument. Students will learn the fundamentals of playing their individual instrument and will be able to perform the learned material at the concerts and pep band. To take 7th and 8th grade band you must have 1 year of lessons on your instrument or have been part of 6th grade band. 7&8 grade band is also a pre-requisite to be in 9-12 grade band.

**Course Objectives**

1. Students will play their instruments alone and with others on a varied repertoire of music
2. Students will read, notate, create, listen to, analyze, evaluate and discuss music.
3. Grow in knowledge the understanding of music and music notation.

**Required Materials**

1. Working instrument in good working order **(percussion need your own sticks)**
2. 8th grade will need a Lyre for pep band--- these can be ordered through Mr. Stier
3. Folder, Practice Book and Pencil
4. **Bell Cover and brass need a spit collector**

**Class Policies and Expectations:**

**1.** Within 5 minutes of the bell, all students should be seated with instruments and music, ready to begin class. You must be in the room 3 minutes after the bell rings or you will be counted tardy.

**2**. Students will check the board each day for rehearsal pieces and objectives.

**3.** Students will arrive to class fully prepared for rehearsal (pencil and performance focus)

**4.** Students will dispose of any gum / candy prior to rehearsal as this prohibits proper performance on their respective instruments. Only WATER is permitted in the Music Room at any time.

**5**. Active participation is expected in all ensembles, in addition to individual student practice. Your participation and preparedness is part of the determining factor in how you earn your grade.

**6**. Attendance is mandatory at all performances and is part of your grade. We work towards these performances as a goal and your attendance is expected. Failure to attend will result in the loss of points for that performance. There will be a make-up assignment.

**7**. Proper care of all equipment and classroom furniture in the Music Room must be exercised at all times. Any misuse of instrumental equipment, hardware, keyboards, and classroom furniture will be handled as vandalism. All equipment and music folders must be put away, neatly, at the conclusion of every rehearsal. Any equipment or music folders left out will result in loss of points for the day.

**8**. Respect is a two-way street. Please give respect to everyone in the classroom at all times.

**9**. NO CELL PHONES!!! Unless asked to use them. Any cell phone being used during class for any other reason will be taken and points will be taken from participation points.

**10**. Our goal is to achieve an outstanding musical experience, together. We work as a team and perform as one group. Everyone is 100% important to the ensembles’ success.

**11**. All rules and regulations outlined in the student handbook are to be followed at all times.

**12**. Have fun

**Pep Band:** This is considered a public service and we get into the games for free.

8th Grade will join us for pep band right away and will be graded on 4 pep band games a quarter.

8th Grade will also join us for marching band next summer- parades are also graded

 Browerville days- June 26th

 Clarissa days- July 24th

7th grade will join when they will be able to keep up with the Pep Band

7th Grade will not be graded on pep band until they start playing with the pep band.

7th and 8th grade students will not be taking part in the Homecoming Halftime show

7th Grade will not take part in marching band 2020

**Grading**

Grading will be based on three main sections. These sections are listed below along with the percentages for each section. 8th grade will play with the pep band. 7th grade will join when I feel they are ready. 8th Grade will have a 4th section for pep band grade.

1. Lessons(10-15 minutes once a week)------------------------------------5 points per lesson
2. Performances---------------------------------------------------------------Concerts 50 Points
3. Classroom Attendance and Participation-------------------------------------------10 Points

Grading Scale

A+:100.01 and up

A: 96%-100%

A-: 90%-95%

B+: 88%-89%

B: 84%-87%

B-: 80%-83%

C+: 78%-79%

C: 74%-77%

C-: 70%-73%

D+: 68%-69%

D: 64%-67%

D-: 60%-63%

F: 59 or lower

Performances are the main bulk of the grading, they are just like a final test. If you miss a concert there will be a make-up assignment given to make up the points---ITS NOT FUN--- and it is much easier to attend the concerts.

I have read and understand the syllabus with the grading policy and the expectations of the class for the 2022-2023 school year. Please sign and date this portion of the syllabus and return it to Mr. Stier.

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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