

How to Reach Me

The Best

Remind Text (see below)

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Just OK

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Join our class Remind

text @nohssymph to the
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OR

Get the remind app and join our
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Symphonic Band Syllabus

Mrs. Kovach
2017-2018

What is Symphonic Band?

The nature of our group is determined by its composition. We are a band that consists of students with a wide array of talents and skills. A small number of students are almost ready to move into wind ensemble and a small number of students are still struggling quite a bit to perform. The majority of students are in the middle of the performance skills spectrum. Everyone in this group is in the exact place they belong. I have heard students shame themselves and others for not making it into wind ensemble. Being in symphonic band is NOT shameful, but it DOES mean that you have a good amount of room for growth. There are two concert bands at NOHS and that is the only comparison between the symphonic band and the wind ensemble. There is no comparison between two groups that are of different levels of ability and thus play different levels of music.

EXPECTATIONS

Do not talk while someone else is talking

FOCUS ON WHAT WE'RE DOING IN BAND

Practice your instrument
outside of school

DO NOT SWEAR

**Come prepared with your class materials
(instrument, music, pencil)**

No food or gum (water is OK)

Respect each other and the rehearsal space

Cell Phones out ONLY for tuning

GRADING

Student Performance Skills (SPS) - (50% of Overall Grade)

North Olmsted band members strive to improve their own individual music performance skills through structured, meaningful, individual practice, as well as through superior work in full band rehearsals. Evaluation will be made by live and recorded playing assessments, throughout the grading period, demonstrating the student's musical growth in these areas by playing a musical instrument: Tone Quality, Intonation, Musicianship, Technique, Rhythm, Articulation/Sticking, and Performance Factors (Confidence, Posture, Demeanor)

Professionalism (50% of Overall Grade)

Because Band is a performance-oriented class, all members are expected to participate fully and in a professional manner. This includes being on-time, prepared, handing assignments in on time, and contributing as an active and meaningful participant. Evaluation will be determined by in-class record keeping and teacher assessment.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November

8 - Marching Band Banquet, 6-9pm
(not mandatory)

December

12-MS/HS Band Concert, 7pm, Gym
18-Midterm, TBD (tentative date)

January

19-End of Quarter 2
24-Contest Prep Rehearsal, 6-7:30pm
27-Solo and Ensemble (not mandatory)

February

13-Recording Assignment #1 Due
14-Contest Prep Rehearsal, 6-7:30pm
21-Contest Preview Concert, 7pm

March

2 or 3-Large Group Contest, TBD
28-End of Quarter 3

April

18-Recording #2 Assignment Due

May

3-All-City Band, 6:30pm, Gym
8-HS Concert, 7pm
15-Showcase Recital (not mandatory)
16-Spring Recognition Dessert, 6pm,
Cafe
28-Memorial Day Parade, 9am, HS

June

6-Final Exam (tentative date), TBD
7-End of Quarter 4 (last day of school)

All events are mandatory unless otherwise stated and assignments may be added as well as SOAR sectionals.

HOMEWORK AND OTHER POLICIES

Do I need to practice outside of school?
Yes! There will seldom be "written" homework. Learn your part at home so that during class you can learn what is happening in the music around you. Individual practice is also how you hone and improve the other performance skills.

What's up with Afternoon SOAR?
Sectionals will be called when deemed appropriate by Mrs. Kovach. They are mandatory and will always be scheduled with a few days' notice. Our afternoon SOAR practices run from 3:15-3:45pm.

Did I miss anything important when I was absent?
Don't ask this question; of course you did! It is your responsibility to check with Mrs. Kovach upon your return to gather any missed assignment info.

It's the last day of the quarter and I have an F??!?!
It is your responsibility to check Pearsons for a most up-to-date grade BEFORE the last week of the quarter.

What happens if I don't follow the class expectations?
If you disrespect the rehearsal process and space, and Mrs. Kovach has to single you out in class for something negative, you have one more chance to alter your behavior. The next time, you will serve a teacher detention, and if the problem persists, there will be an office referral and a phone call home.

I COMMIT TO THIS BAND

I have read and understand the rules and expectations for Symphonic Band. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to contact Mrs. Kovach if I have any questions or concerns. I know that this syllabus, my recording assignments, calendars, and other information about band are available to me in my Google Drive, my charms account, and eaglemusic.org at any time. I will respect the purpose and process of symphonic band by practicing outside of class and being attentive during rehearsals. I will respect the rehearsal space by cleaning up after myself if I make a mess. I will accept full responsibility for my actions at all times.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Please sign, remove this portion of the syllabus, and return to Mrs. Kovach by Friday, November 3, 2017