

Civic Memorial High School Percussion

Syllabus

2019-2020

CONTACT INFORMATION

The director can be reached via the following:

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TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

1. Warm ups and technique builders - provided
2. Medium to advanced high school and college level band literature - provided
3. Medium to advanced percussion ensemble literature - provided
4. Tuner/Metronome (Recommended – there are downloadable apps for electronic devices available – for free!)
5. Binder
6. Sheet Protectors
7. Pencil

INSTRUCTION AND ASSIGNMENTS

1. Varied rehearsal and performance techniques for the current repertoire
2. Continual development of fine motor skills and techniques necessary for correct sound production
3. Continual refinement of aural skills
4. Discussion and evaluation of video and audio recordings of rehearsals and performances
5. Quarterly playing tests submitted via GoogleDrive
6. **One (1) fine arts critique per semester on LIVE performances.** These critiques may be over any CMHS music/theatre department or any other high school level up to a professional performance of which the student is not a participating member. Middle school and elementary performances will not be accepted.
7. Binder/folder used at every rehearsal, which contains music, warm-ups, pencil, etc.

Fine Arts Critiques are to be turned in via Google Classroom.

DUE DATES FOR THE FINE ARTS CRITIQUES ARE:

Semester 1 – Friday, December 6, 2019

Semester 2 – Friday, May 1, 2020

AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS/SECTIONALS

All after school rehearsals/sectionals are required attendance. Being a member of these ensembles requires extra time and effort on your part. Members will be given an after school rehearsal schedule several weeks in advance of your first rehearsal and it is your responsibility to be at all rehearsals. Work is NEVER an excuse and athletic schedules are to be worked out between the member, the coach, and the director. Students will receive a schedule detailing when they need to attend these after school rehearsals.

Marching Eagles: *Being “no call, no show” (did not attend an after school rehearsal and did not inform the director) will negatively affect the grade and will prohibit the student from performing at the next performance.*

GRADING SCALE – ALL Bands

A+ 100	B+ 89-88	C+ 79-78	D+ 69-68	F 59-0
A 99-93	B 87-83	C 77-73	D 67-63	
A- 92-90	B- 82-80	C- 72-70	D- 62-60	

Students who fail one semester of band will be dropped from the class for one semester. After that semester has passed, the student will be allowed to return pending a successful audition.

EVALUATION – All Bands*

Grades in this course will be determined by:

Participation Points – 5 pts per class (5 points per day, 20 points per week)

After School Rehearsals – 25 pts per rehearsal

Music Theory Assignments - 10-100 points (based off of number of problems assigned)

Performances – 100 pts each

Playing quizzes - Points vary, but will add up to...

Playing tests - 100 pts each (weighted x2)

Fine Arts Critique - 100 pts

Solo and Ensemble Project - 100 pts

Pep Band Games – 25 pts each

Binder Checks – 25 pts each

Final Exam – 100 pts (20% of your grade - school policy)

Additional assignments may be added at the discretion of the Director. Also, incorrect uniform attire for any type of performance will negatively affect your grade.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

All of the following bolded performances will be held as a grade.

- **Purple & Gold Scrimmage**
 - Friday, August 23
- **SIUE Percussion Festival**
 - Saturday, August 24
- **O'Fallon Marching Band Competition**
 - Saturday, September 7
- **Football vs. Cahokia**
 - Friday, September 13
- **Football vs. Mascoutah**
 - Friday, September 27
- **Collinsville Marching Band Competition**
 - Saturday, September 28
- **Homecoming Parade**
 - Friday, October 4
- **Football vs. Highland (Homecoming)**
 - Friday, October 4
- **McKendree Marching Band Competition**
 - Saturday, October 12
- **TMS Band & CM Percussion Fall Concert**
 - Thursday, October 17
- **Football vs. Taylorville (Senior Night)**
 - Friday, October 25
- **Halloween Parade**
 - Wednesday, October 30 (Tentative)
- **ILMEA All-District Honor Band Festival (Select Students)**
 - Saturday, November 2
- **ILMEA All-District Honor Band Festival (Select Students)**
 - Saturday, November 9
- **McKendree Honor Band & Choir Festival (Select Students)**
 - Sunday, November 24 and Monday, November 25
- **Pep Band**
 - Monday, December 9
- **Pep Band**
 - Friday, December 13
- **CMHS Band and Choir Christmas Concert**
 - Sunday, December 15
- **CMHS Band Tour to Meadowbrook and Trimpe**
 - Wednesday, December 18
- **Pep Band**
 - Tuesday, January 14
- **SIUE Bi-State Honor Band Festival (Select Students)**
 - Friday, January 17 and Saturday, January 18
- **ILMEA All-State Honor Band Festival (Select Students)**
 - Wednesday, January 22-Saturday, January 25
- **Pep Band**
 - Monday, February 3
- **MVC Honor Band Festival (Select Students)**
 - Thursday, February 13
- **Pep Band**
 - Tuesday, February 18
- **Pep Band**
 - Friday, February 28
- **CMHS Band Winter Showcase**
 - Sunday, March 1
- **IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest (Select Students)**
 - Saturday, March 7
- **CMHS Band Spring Concert**
 - Tuesday, May 5
- **CMHS Graduation**
 - Saturday, May 16
- **Memorial Day Parade**
 - Monday, May 25

All performances are required. Missing any single performance will result in a zero (0). The only excuses accepted for missing any single performance are family emergencies or illness, in which case the director must receive a phone call and email.

Excused absences will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

ENSEMBLE PLACEMENT/SEATING

Percussion will not have ensemble seating. Part assignments will be decided based off of ability, work ethic, dependability, and attitude. All part assignments will be decided by the director and percussion instructor if they are available.

PLAYING TESTS

Percussion students will have routine playing quizzes. These quizzes will always be announced a week in advance and will always be over material introduced and worked on in class. These quizzes will be added up each quarter and put into one large playing test grade of 100 points, weighted by two.

First Quarter - October 11
Second Quarter - December 6
Third Quarter - March 6
Fourth Quarter - May 1

Failure to play the quiz on the given date will be given a 0. It is YOUR responsibility to make up a missed quiz due to an excused absence from school.

BINDER CHECKS

All students are required to have binders that contain their concert music in clear, plastic sheet protectors, a pencil, and any other handouts received during class. This binder should be organized and neat. It's meant for daily use!

PARTICIPATION POINTS

Each student is eligible to receive 5 participation points each class period. Students will either receive all points for being timely, participating, and following all rules and policies or lose all points for not following the before stated expectations.

Unexcused absences will receive a zero (0) for the day. If a student does not have necessary materials with them during class – this includes instrument and music, they will lose all of their daily participation points. For marching band season, this also includes marching shoes and dot books.

If a member is unable to participate due to illness or injury, the director must see a note from your doctor or parent. If a member is unable to participate because your instrument is in the shop, the director must see a receipt of repair.

CONCERT DRESS

Ladies: You are asked to dress in all black – pants or knee length skirt and a black blouse with sleeves. You are to provide and wear black nylons/tights and black dress shoes (marching band shoes work well!). No open toed shoes.

Gentlemen: You are asked to dress in all black. You are to provide and wear a solid black dress shirt and dress pants. You will wear black socks and black dress shoes (marching band shoes work well!). No tennis shoes.

**Students who are not dressed appropriately for performances may be moved back within their section or prohibited from performing.
School dress code is always in effect.**

INSTRUMENT RENTAL

Percussion instruments are provided for use. The expectation is that you take care of this equipment. If negligence is found to be the cause of an instruments needing repair, the student will be required to pay. It is also expected that you have a stick bag, with your name on it, with drumsticks and mallets.

PERCUSSION CLOSET RESPONSIBILITY

The percussion closet holds all percussion equipment. This closet is NOT to be used as a locker or a changing room. If found to be using the closet inappropriately, students will be banned from the closet. If items are found in the closet that should not be there, they will be moved to the school's lost and found. Any occurrence may result in loss of participation points. The third time an occurrence happens may result in a discipline referral.

Students are responsible for all personal items in the auditorium, the music area, or on any band/school trip. The director, band, Civic Memorial High School, and Bethalto Unit School District #8 are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

EXTRACURRICULAR MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

The director strongly encourages all students to participate in outside Fine Arts activities. These activities include:

- Pit Orchestra for the musical - if offered
- Alton Youth Symphony
- St. Louis Youth Symphony
- Alton Municipal Band
- Private Instruction – for possible private teachers, contact the director
- Extracurricular fine arts activities sponsored by the CMHS Fine Arts Department: choral, theatre
- Performing in church services or events

Classroom Management Plan

REHEARSAL PROCEDURES

1. Always read the board to figure out what we are doing that day.
2. You are expected to be where the board asks you to be four minutes after the tardy bell rings with ALL required materials. (READ THE BOARD)
3. Do NOT eat or drink during rehearsal unless given permission to do so by the director. (NO GUM)
4. No talking unless given permission to do so.
5. If you have a question, raise your hand and wait to be called on.

APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Students are expected to present themselves in a mature manner at all times – on and off school property. Participation in band not only develops musical talents, but also helps students to acquire life skills.

- M = Make an effort.
- U = Use respect.
- S = Save food and gum for after class.
- I = Immediately follow directions.
- C = Come prepared and on time

ID'S

All students are required to wear their own ID at all times.

LOITERING

For security reasons, only music and theater students are allowed in the auditorium. Please have your non-music friends wait for you in the commons. If there is no adult in the auditorium, you should not be in there!

The following disciplinary actions will be taken to resolve any problems:

- Verbal reprimand/ Phone call to parent/guardian
- Conference with parent/guardian
- Referral to principal
- Removal from the band program

CELL PHONE POLICY

Students are allowed to carry their cell phones in their purses or pockets. They must have their cell phone turned off while in class or in the hallway. Teachers will include a cell phone policy in their classroom management plan. According to their classroom management plan, teachers will refer students who have their cell phones out during class time for progressive discipline.

1st offense - Students will receive a warning

2nd offense - Students will receive a written referral

3rd and every successive offense - Parents will pick up their child's cell phone at the end of the day from the appropriate Discipline Office in addition to progressive discipline.

Students who have their cell phone out during testing (regardless of the excuse), will receive a "0" for the test/exam and will be referred for progressive discipline.

There may be times (example: ILMEA All-State) that we will need to communicate with you via cell phone or text message. Our cell phone communication with you is only for school and band related activities.

Please contact Miss Davis with any questions or concerns:

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You can follow all band activities on the band website and Facebook.

www.cmhsbands.weebly.com

This website is updated often! Please bookmark it and refer to it regularly.

Please sign the attached sheet and send back to Miss Davis.

Classroom Syllabus/Management Agreement

I have read the syllabus and understand its contents, which include the rules for rehearsals, appropriate behavior, concert dress, and rehearsal and concert attendance. I agree to put forth my best effort toward this ensemble and I understand the consequences if I refuse to do so.

Student Name

Date

Student Signature

Date

I have reviewed my student's Civic Memorial High School Band Program Syllabus and Classroom Management Plan including some performance and testing dates. I understand my child's involvement in the band program and will do my best to insure that he/she succeeds within the program.

Parent Name (Print)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date