

Welcome to 6th Grade General Music! (Section 8A)

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2021 – 2022 school year! I am thrilled to be your student's 6th Grade Music Teacher this year! Below you will find details regarding Google Classroom, masks, rehearsal etiquette, grading policy and concert dates.

Google Classroom

Every student in 6th Grade General Music will need to be part of our Google Classroom.

The class code is: **onuozc7**

It is extremely important that everyone sign up for our Google Classroom. In the event that we are no longer able to meet in person and have to go to remote learning, this will be the platform that we use. The Google Classroom "stream" will be used for announcements, links, and any information you may need throughout the course of the year. Assignments, should we go remote again, will appear under the "classwork" tab.

Masks

Students will be required to follow McGraw's policy when it comes to wearing masks. This means that students will need to wear masks at all times. Once students are seated and we are ready to begin rehearsing, I will inform students to remove their masks so they are able to sing, if they are comfortable doing so. Students will only be allowed to remove their masks when they are six feet apart. If students would rather leave their masks on, they are welcome to do so.

Class Format/Rehearsals

6th Grade General Music will meet during period 8 on A days in the High School Auditorium.

While this class is entitled General Music I believe that part of creating a well-rounded musician involves performing. In this class students will be learning basic musical concepts to lay the groundwork for their musical education in the future through a balance of activities in note reading, improvisation, composition, music listening, music history, as well as singing. With this said, students in 6th Grade General Music will be forming a 6th Grade Chorus that performs on our two annual concerts.

Required Materials: Students are expected to have their music, any handouts, and a pencil for every class.

Rehearsal/Class Etiquette Points: It is imperative that we maximize our rehearsal time by being on task from the moment students walk in the auditorium to the moment students are dismissed. Points will be deducted for inattentiveness, disruption or misbehavior. Students are expected to remove any gum and leave any food/drink in their backpacks. Students will receive two points for rehearsal etiquette each class if these rules are followed.

Equipment

Due to our class meeting in the High School Auditorium, there will be band equipment, musical sets, props, etc. on the stage. It is extremely important that students do not touch what is not theirs. We want to preserve the life of the new equipment that was purchased. If students are told or asked to touch certain equipment, it is expected that ALL equipment be treated with respect. Please be aware that if I find a student defacing or treating any equipment poorly, that student will be responsible for any damages.

Concerts

* Winter Concert - Wednesday, December 15, 2021 ~ 6:30PM (6:00PM warm-up time)

(Winter Concert Snow Date- Thursday, December 16, 2021- 6:30PM)

* Spring Concert – Thursday, May 19, 2022 ~ 6:30PM (6:00PM warm-up time)

All 6th Grade students are expected to be at these two concerts

Recommended Concert Attire

The goal of our concert attire is to present a formal and professional ensemble appearance. No individual in the ensemble should stick out. Please choose dress clothes that reflect this goal.

Option 1: Blouse **with sleeves**, black pants or **full-length** skirt, black stockings or socks, black dress shoes.

Option 2: Full-length dress, black stockings or socks, black dress shoes

Option 3: Dress shirt, black pants, tie, **black socks**, black **dress** shoes.

Assignments and Grading Policy

Grading Categories

Rehearsal Preparedness and Etiquette	50%
Written/Listening Assignments	50%

Please return the next page by Friday, September 17, 2021 as it will act as a class contract. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at: lpalmer@mcgrawschools.org

I look forward to working with all of you soon! It is going to be a wonderful year of music making!

Sincerely,

Lindsay A. Palmer
Middle/High School Band Director
6th Grade General Music Teacher
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6th Grade General Music Class Contract

Please return this page by Friday, September 17, 2021

I have read and understand the above information about Google Classroom, masks, rehearsal etiquette, grading policy and concert dates outlined above for the 2021-2022 school year.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Email Address (for reminders/important info.): _____

Parent Phone Numbers: _____

Have you signed up for the 6th Grade Music Google Classroom? (circle one) Yes! Absolutely!

(You're not allowed to turn this in until you do!)