

## JA Secondary Band Syllabus - Fall Semester, 2019

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**Office hours** - If you need to meet in person, please email me to schedule a time, as I am only at the Secondary in the mornings.

<b>Course time/details:</b> Fall Semester 2019 M-F 7:30am - 8:20am	<b>Location:</b> 8/14-10/1 - Secondary Gym (certain days sectionals may be held in the old weight room and/or choir room). 10/01 - New band room!
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### Materials needed

- Instruments, wire music stand, pencil, Sound Innovation book 2 (bring by 8/19)
- must have reeds, neck strap, sticks, anything needed to play your instrument.

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### Who can be in band

The majority of students in band will have multiple years of experience on their instrument. Beginners are welcome, but will need to seek private lessons concurrently to catch up to the group.

### Course goals/purpose

-Individually:

Improvement on instrument with good tone, posture that supports playing, balance/blend, efficiency, understanding of musical literacy, scales, basic and complex rhythms, musical terms, musicality, and overall musical growth.

-As an ensemble:

**P(l)ay it Forward.** We have been so fortunate this year with a new band room, new equipment, increased enrollment and continued support from our administration and community. In addition to learning and having fun in band, we have lots of opportunities to give back and serve our school, community and one another while having a blast doing it. This is our year to pay it forward!

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### Course policies/expectations

#### Respect each other

1. Respect our time. Arrive early to be on time, ready to play at 7:30. Percussion be ready to set up equipment at 7:20 if possible, until the band room is open.
2. Be present, listen and learn. **No phones or devices** during band, no exceptions.
3. Be kind. Respect the many different ages and ability levels, within our "family". I have zero tolerance for anyone creating a negative culture within the band.

### Respect the rooms

1. Boy scout rule - Leave it better than when you came. Especially as we are using shared space, and soon to get a brand new room. No food/soda/gum.

2. Stuff is EXPENSIVE. Keep your hands off any equipment that is not yours. Don't run, throw things, act like a 5 year old, unless you want to buy a replace a \$3000 bass drum! Percussionists please be delicate and careful with all our new equipment!

Consequences - 1st time, private conversation with me. 2nd time, conversation with parents. 3rd time, conversation with admin and/or Friday school. Daily grades will also reflect behavior (see below).

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### Grading Expectations:

1. Daily "I am present!" grade .....35% (instrument and book, being on time, attitude)
  2. Quizzes.....35% (playing/written quizzes, self evaluations)
  3. Quarterly Concerts.....30% (Mandatory. In cases of illness or family emergency, I need email communication from a parent).
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### **Important dates:**

#### Band concerts:

Monday, October 4th, 7-8:30pm - combined band/choir concert in the JA secondary Commons

Tuesday, December 17th, 7 - 8:30pm - combined band/choir concert in the Secondary JA auditorium

Music Man: The band will be marching (yay!!!) during the end of the Music Man each night. \*\*\*Choose at least one date below to perform in JA's production of the MUSIC MAN December 12th, 13th or 14th. The show starts at 7pm, but the band won't be needed until later. Arrival time tba.

#### Pep Band:

In December, January and February, there will be some opportunities to perform at JA Basketball games as a pep band. More details to come.

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### **Auditions for chair placement** - . Each student is required to play an excerpt/scale

Monday, August 19th - woodwinds

Tuesday, August 20th - brass

Wednesday, August 21st - percussion

-Take these auditions seriously. Honor the bands' time and do not come in sight reading.

-Take care with tone, rhythm, correct notes, slurs, dynamics. Take as slow as needed to play well.

-auditions will be announced the following day.