

WELCOME TO BAND & CHORUS!



JACKSON REMOTE ACADEMY
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GRADES 6, 7, 8





HELLO!

I am Mrs. Fodor.

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ABOUT THE CLASSES

Band 6, 7, 8
Chorus 6, 7, 8



Band and Chorus are full-year courses that meet every other day on an alternating A/B day schedule.

Classes meet virtually via Google Meet on either A or B days for 49 minutes.

Sectionals may take place with smaller groups of students that will meet for half of the class period and then switch with the other group.

BAND CLASS OBJECTIVES

- + Utilize proper techniques for playing a wind or percussion instrument
- + Develop fluency in reading music notation, including pitches and rhythms



BAND CLASS OBJECTIVES

- + Apply knowledge of instrumental technique and music reading skills to the performance of varied middle school concert band literature
- + Rehearse and perform concert band music within a virtual setting

CHORUS CLASS OBJECTIVES

- + Utilize proper singing technique and vocal care
- + Develop fluency in reading music notation, including pitches and rhythms



CHORUS CLASS OBJECTIVES

- + Apply knowledge of vocal technique and music reading skills to the performance of varied middle school choral literature
- + Rehearse and perform choral music within a virtual setting

SKILLS AND QUALITIES DEVELOPED IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE CLASSES

- + Language Skills
- + Mathematical Skills
- + Reasoning Skills
- + Motor Skills
- + Coordination
- + Self-Discipline
- + Responsibility
- + Hard Work and Effort
- + Perseverance
- + Teamwork and Collaboration
- + Time Management



MATERIALS NEEDED

For Band and Chorus



BAND MATERIALS

- + Instrument in good playing condition
- + Folder
- + Band book
- + Music stand (*recommended*)
- + Instrument Accessories:
 - + Flutes: cleaning swab and cleaning rod
 - + Clarinets/Saxes: cleaning swab, box of reeds (*start with strength 2.5 and move to a 3 if you're a 7th or 8th grader*), cork grease
 - + Trumpets/Baritones: valve oil
 - + Trombones: slide oil

BAND MATERIALS CONTINUED

- + Notebook
- + Pencils
- + White board with dry-erase markers (*optional*)



CHORUS MATERIALS

- + Folder
- + Notebook
- + Pencils
- + White board with dry-erase markers (*optional*)



CLASS EXPECTATIONS

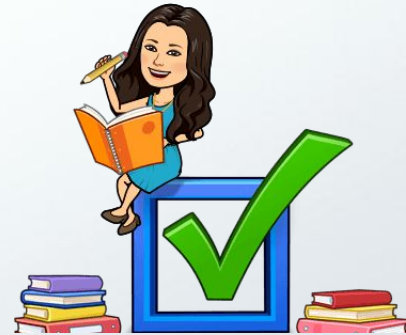
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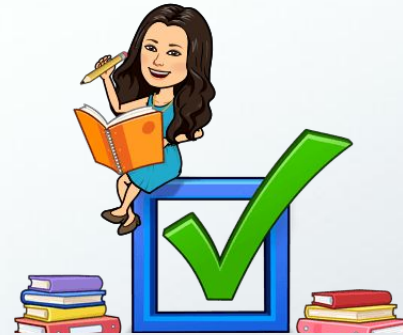
GOOGLE MEETS

- + Arrive on time
- + Be prepared with the proper materials
(see previous slides 11–13)
- + Demonstrate your attendance by typing
“Here” in the chat box upon arrival

- + Keep cameras on and focused on the student for the duration of the Meet
- + Keep microphones muted unless called upon to answer a question
- + Raise your hand if you have something to say
- + If the teacher does not see you raising your hand, type your question into the chat box



- + Stay and participate for the duration of the *Meet*
- + Leave the *Meet* only after dismissed by the teacher



GOOGLE CLASSROOM

This platform will be used as a “class headquarters” for all important information.

- + Announcements will be located on the Stream.
- + Assignments will be located in the Classwork section.
- + All parents and guardians are encouraged to join their child’s Google Classroom page.

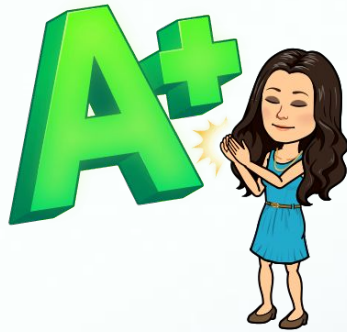
PRACTICING

Students are expected to practice their band and chorus literature regularly at home. Their practice assignments will be posted on the Google Classroom page.

A good rule of thumb is to practice every day for 20 minutes, in a quiet room that is free of distractions, if possible.



GRADING



The student's marking period grade for Band and Chorus will be determined by the following breakdown of points:

- + Participation: 60%
- + Written and Performance Tests: 25%
- + Homework: 15%

GRADING, CONTINUED

Please keep in mind that Participation consists of Class Participation in Google Meets and on the Google Classroom page, as well as Concert Participation.

CONCERTS

Generally, each performance class will have TWO concerts per year – one in December and one in May. Attendance and participation at these concerts are mandatory for all students because these are performance-based classes.

CONCERTS, CONTINUED



Since large in-person gatherings are prohibited or limited at this time, we will keep you posted on our future concert plans as they are made.

RENTAL INFORMATION

Band students may go to the following website to rent their instruments for the school year:

gardenstatemusic.com



“Music gives a soul to the universe,
wings to the mind, flight to the
imagination, and life to everything.”

~Plato





THANKS FOR VISITING!

Any Questions?



Please email me at
anytime.

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