**Concert Band**

**Music 3530- 2nd semester (Spring 2017)**

**Jon Humber/Rebecca Reeves, instructors**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

* The Concert Band is a musical group that concentrates its skills on musical performances for advanced instrumentalists and plays a variety of styles and types of music from the standard high school band repertoire. The goal of this course is to develop proficiency on a chosen instrument through rehearsals, lessons, and various performances. This band will have several performance opportunities throughout the semester. Through this class the student will improve instrumental skills, elevate performance skills, and develop an understanding of the performance process. All National Music Standards for instrumentalists are addressed, and the highest levels of musicianship and maturity are expected. Rehearsals and performances during and after the regular school day may be required.

**INSTRUCTION:**

* **Skills Covered** 
  + Professional performance and rehearsal etiquette
  + Memorization of scales, key signatures, and other elements of music
  + Reading music
  + Time and materials management and responsibility
  + Leadership and teamwork
* **General Pacing**
  + Students will prepare at least three different concert programs, each over approximately 6 weeks. One of these programs will also be performed at ETSBOA Concert Festival.
* **Materials Needed**
  + Instrument in good working order
  + Music folder (containing all copied materials)
  + Pencil
  + Necessary instrument care items and accessories (as listed in the handbook)
  + Appropriate performance clothing (as prescribed by the directors)
  + *Foundations for Superior Performance* method book (instrument specific)
* **Fees**
  + Concert Band requested fee: $100.00
  + Payment of this fee is waived for students enrolled in Marching Band during the same school year.

***PLEASE*** *let us know your financial needs, and please* ***strongly consider applying for the fee waiver/reduced lunch program, even if you are not sure you will qualify.*** *We do not want any student to not be in band because of lack of funds, but please communicate your need with the band directors.*

* **Resources**
  + Music will be provided from various sources. The *Foundations for Superior Performance* book will be used extensively as warm-up exercises, tone and technique builders, and tested materials.

**ASSESSMENT:**

* Weekly Grade: 100 points per week (or 20/day); 30% of final grade
  + Classroom attendance and behavior
  + Having proper materials
  + Participation
* Performance Grade: 100 points each performance; 30% of final grade
* Skills tests: Various grades; 30% of final grade
  + The vast majority of this category will consist of the student’s required chair tryout skills (which may be passed off for full credit through the day of graduation). Other grades that fall into this category would be full class materials checks and any graded written work.
* Final Exam: 10% of final grade
  + Written Final covering skills learned during the semester

*As the performance experience and time in group rehearsals cannot be replicated, the student cannot truly earn points lost back. However, extra credit opportunities such as concerts, private lessons, and outside ensemble participation can be earned with prior director approval and documentation by parents, teachers, and/or leaders as prescribed by the directors*.

* In order for the student to receive timely and accurate feedback, grades will be updated at least once per week.

**GENERAL EXPECTATIONS:**

**Students**

* **Attendance Policy:**
* **Tardies:** Please refer to the school’s tardy policy.
  + Students who are excused from class during the school day are excused from practice or performance until the next school day. If this does not apply, students must take personal responsibility to communicate with Mr. Humber when there is a need to miss a performance. All performances are required and the only excused absences are for illness or death in the family. Please see one of the directors if you have a personal situation concerning a performance. **Notes for excused absences must be turned in to the office** so that points will not be deducted from your grade.
* **Classroom Rules:**
  + Be where you are supposed to be, when you are supposed to be there.
  + Be respectful of the teacher and other students.
  + Have all requested materials for class every day.
  + Have assignments ready when requested.
  + No food or drink in the band room.

**Teacher**

* **Communication Strategy:**
  + Email: jon.humber@knoxschools.org/rebecca.reeves@knoxschools.org
  + Phone: 689-9130 ext. 1312
  + Office hours: 10:45 to 12:10
  + SchoolFusion page: <http://band-march-s140-b.gibbshs.knoxschools.org>

***Please*** *feel free to contact us with any questions! Email is the most reliable way to get in touch.*