MCEN00326_0000[1] **High School Band**

**Mrs. Michelle Keaster**

**2015-2016**

**Purpose**: *“Praise the Lord. Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the strings and flute, praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.”* Psalm 150:1, 3 – 6

[**www.mkeaster.weebly.com**](http://www.mkeaster.weebly.com)

**Class Code for Google Classroom: b28y52x**

**Common Curriculum Link: http://commonteaching.com/website/9d3fh**

**Daily Supplies**:

* Instrument in good playing condition and a cleaning rag
* Music Folder with appropriate music
* Pencil

**Classroom Expectations**:

* Students are responsible for maintaining their instrument in a good playing condition.
* Students are to play only their instrument – no trading with friends or “trying” a friend’s instrument.
* The word “can’t” is to never be used. Never give up!
* Clarinet and Saxophone players are responsible for keeping 3 reeds that are in excellent condition in their case at all times.
* Trombone players are responsible for keeping a container of cold cream and a small water squirt bottle in their case at all times.
* Students will treat each other and the teacher with the same respect they wish to receive.
* Be on time and bring all materials needed to class (instrument, music, practice card, pencil).
* Students must be in the room when the bell rings or a tardy will be given.
* When students enter the classroom, they are expected to quickly tune themselves and then do a group warm-up with the rest of the band.
* Students must be in their seats and ready to play when the metronome begins ticking. If a student is not ready, 2 points will be taken off the daily grade.
* A student not bringing an instrument to class will lose 10 points from his daily grade.
* A student not bringing music to class will lose 5 points from his daily grade.
* Respect the teacher’s & classmates’ time and possessions.
* If a student is being disrespectful, talking excessively, and/or not following the Student Handbook, 2 points will be deducted from his daily grade.
* If a second offense occurs, 3 additional points will be deducted from his daily grade and phone call home will be made.
* If a third offense occurs, an additional 5 points will be deducted for the day, and a detention will be given.
* Students are dismissed by the teacher and not the bell.
* Work diligently and give your best effort in class.
* Homework assignments/Practice Cards are due on the due date.
* An assignment may be handed in ***one day late for a 30 point deduction***. ***It will not be accepted after that*** and a 0 will be given for the assignment.

**Percentage Weights**:

* Daily Grade (In-class Playing & Participation) = 25% (20 points per day)
* Performance (School sponsored concerts that require participation) = 25% (100 points per concert)
* If a concert is missed, a playing test of the program music will be given the next class period ***and*** a 1 page reflective paper about the programmed music will be due 2 school days after the concert.
* Tests (playing &written) = 25%
  + Announced at least one week prior to the actual test. The written are generally about terms, rhythms, or scales that are being taught; playing is over a line from the book or section from a concert piece.
* Scale Playing Tests = 25%
  + Scale Playing Tests will be done on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month throughout the year.
* Extra Credit may be earned by:
* Playing in chapel or for the class a piece of music that is not currently being practiced in Band. (1% extra weight)
* Participating in solo/ensemble competitions (Music Festival) (2% extra weight)

## **Instrument Care -** Extremely important!

* Students should treat their instrument as if it were a baby. The smallest bump – even in the case – could cause major damage.
* Students should brush their teeth and wash their hands before practicing/playing.
* Woodwind instruments must be cleaned out after every playing.
* Brass instruments need to have a “bath” every 3 – 4 months. The valves and slides are taken out, and then the slides and body of the instrument can be flushed with luke-warm water. The valves/slides need to be oiled frequently. Trombone players are to keep in their case a container of cold cream and a small squirt bottle for slide maintenance.

**Educational/Ministry/Playing Opportunities – Please put on your calendar now!**:

* **MCA Programs: Christmas (Friday, December 11th, 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.) &**

**Spring (Friday, May 13th, 7:00 p.m.)**

**BOTH CONCERTS ARE FOR A GRADE**

* Pep Band Games (Those playing in the Pep Band get into the games for free!)
  + PLEASE SIGN UP ON LINE AT FOR THE GAMES YOU WILL PLAY: https://docs.google.com/a/mcathunder.org/document/d/1Erb2ksSmfN84-czTWakQXXzdt-cRSjmieQ-GBRuYBUw/edit?usp=sharing

*Link can be accessed through my website in the Pep Band tab under the “Band” header.*

* + RED PEP BAND SHIRT & BLUE JEANS REQUIRED
  + $8.50 for shirts with name on back/$5 for nothing on back
  + MONEY & ORDER FORM DUE SEPTEMBER 14TH IN SCHOOL OFFICE
  + Dates:
    - Tuesday, January 12th – Call Time: 6:30 p.m. (vs. BGCA)
    - Friday, January 15th – Call Time: 6:00 p.m. (vs. Heritage Christian)
    - POSSIBLY Monday, January 25th – AT EMMANUEL - TBA
    - HOMECOMING: Friday, January 29th – Call Time: 5:30 p.m. (vs. Put-In-Bay)
    - Tuesday, February 16th – Call Time: 7:00 p.m. (vs. Northwood)
* Walleye & Mud Hens Games (Dates & Times TBA)
* *Invitation only:* Cedarville Music Showcase, Thursday, February 11th – Saturday, February 13th
* **ACSI Junior High & High School Music Festival, Friday, April 8th - Saturday, April 9th**

**FOR A GRADE**

* **MCA High School Graduation (Friday, May 27th)**

**FOR A GRADE**

* Attend concerts outside of school
* Chapel and other ministry opportunities inside and outside of school