

Besteiro Middle School Wildcat Band
2022-2023 School Year
Beginner Band

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Conference Time: 7:25a.m - 8:40a.m

Course Description: Students will learn the following fundamentals:

- I. Discipline Procedures (Band Rules)
 - a. Sit on the edge of the chair
 - b. Feet flat on the floor
 - c. Hold Still
- II. Foot Tap
- III. Basics of Music Theory
- IV. Embouchure Development (Band face)
- V. Breathing Techniques
- VI. Rhythm
- VII. Starting the Tone
 - a. Tone Production and Intonation
 - b. Start-Sustain-Release
 - c. Hold Still

Materials: Students will need the following materials:

- I. Instruments & Ed Sueta Beginning Band Book
- II. Band Binder
- III. Mirror & Pencil
- IV. Accessories (such as reeds, oil, slide cream, slide grease, cleaning cloth, swab, drum sticks)
- V. Uniform t-shirt (ordered by the directors)
- VI. Combination Locks (optional)

Performances: Students will perform at the following:

- I. Winter Concert - December 8, 2021
- II. Spring Concert – April 20, 2022

Grading Policy: Each student's grade will be determined by the following:

- I. Class Participation
 - a. Has all materials and instrument in working condition
 - b. Prepared to participate in each class
 - c. Student Daily progress
- II. Practice - Homework
 - a. Instrument is taken home every day
 - b. Daily individual practice
- III. Skill Tests
 - a. Student progress will be evaluated on a weekly basis
 - b. Evaluation will be based on teacher observation

IV. Performances

- a. The Holiday and Spring Concerts will serve as semester comprehensive exams
- b. All performances are mandatory and will be integrated into the grading system. A student will not be excused from missing a performance unless extenuating circumstances beyond normal control arise, i.e. major illness, death in the family, etc. In these cases, proper documentation is required and must be presented to the band directors upon the return of the student.

Classroom Rules: (Please refer to the Wildcat Band Handbook as well)

- I. Students will be in their assigned rehearsal area with all necessary equipment/materials at the beginning of class/rehearsal time.
- II. Students will keep their hands and feet to themselves.
- III. Students will not use or play on equipment they do not own or are assigned without permission from a director.
- IV. Students will not use, touch, handle, borrow, or use anyone else's instrument, uniform, or personal belongings.
- V. Students will respect the property of others, and return their equipment to its proper storage place when not in use. Students should keep their equipment in the designated storage area.
- VI. Students will help keep band hall area clean and neat in appearance.
- VII. Students will not deface or mark on music stands, chairs, walls, etc.
- VIII. Students will utilize their assigned storage/locker for instrument cases during rehearsals. Cases should not be brought into the rehearsal area unless requested by director (exceptions: flute, clarinet, and oboe)
- IX. No food, drinks, or GUM allowed in the band hall. Water bottles are allowed if arrangements have been with directors.
- X. Courteous and Respectful behavior will be demonstrated at all times in the Band Hall.

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