



Instrumental Syllabus

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Welcome to the MCS Music Department

This is an informational packet about Morris Central School's instrumental music program. Please review all of the information for this upcoming year.

After reviewing the syllabus and expectations, please fill out the final page and return it to Mrs. Perkosky no later than the third class of the year.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Perkosky by email or come visit her in room 222.

Looking forward to another amazing year!

Bandroom Expectations

- #1 Respect is expected.
- #2 Be quiet and attentive.
- #3 Be helpful whenever we can.
- #4 Take care of our classroom.
- #5 Ask, never assume anything.
- #6 Speak kindly to one another.
- #7 Work to succeed, don't settle.
- #8 Enjoy making music together!

Grading Percentages

Student grades will be broken down as follows:

Performances: 60%

Positive Involvement: 20%

(Participation)

Improvement: 20%

(Lessons)

Grading Process

- **Each student starts each class (rehearsal) with 5 points**
- Each student will receive a maximum of 10 or 15 points depending on the F1/F2 schedule for rehearsals
 - Any missed rehearsal will require a short quiz to be filled out through Google Classroom, or a zero will be given for that rehearsal
- Each student will receive 5 points for lessons each week
 - Students will earn a zero for every missed lesson
 - Please see Mrs. Perkosky to find time to make up lessons
- Students can earn up to 15-20 points each week for participating in band rehearsals and lessons.
- **Extra points can be granted when students:**
 - Participation in Jazz Band
 - Coming to extra lessons
 - Participating in All County, NYSSMA, Area-All State, etc.
 - Participation in out-of-school performances
(*must be accompanied by a note or program with the student's name*)
 - Concert Attendance
(*must be accompanied by a concert program*)
- **Points will be taken away for the following:**
 - Being disrespectful to the director and their peers
 - Being late to rehearsal
 - Not staying on task and distracting others
 - Having gum/food (except water) during rehearsals
 - Using a cell phone during class.
 - Phones should be silent and in pocket/backpack **throughout** rehearsals.
 - If the cell phone is being used during rehearsal, they will be asked to hand it to the band director.
 - Not putting equipment and music away properly
 - Not resetting chairs and stands at the end of rehearsal

Classroom Procedures

- When arriving for class/lessons, please place your belongings out of the way of others and the doorway
- Grab your music and assemble your instrument and find your seat
- Warm up until rehearsal begins
 - **Things to work on during this time**-Lip slurs/mouthpiece bends, scales, band pieces, NYSSMA Solos, etc.
- Follow the classroom expectations to have a successful learning experience during rehearsals/lessons.

Lesson Attendance

MCS uses a rotating lesson schedule. Students are assigned a lesson group during the first week of school.

- Beginning the second Monday of the school year, students will check the lesson schedule and attend lessons during their scheduled period.

There will be between 8-10 scheduled lessons per quarter. Students are required to attend all lessons.

- If students have a test or conflict they will have the opportunity to make up their lesson.

****Note: each week the period of the lesson will change! This is to ensure that students are not missing the same classes repeatedly.**

- *Unfortunately, lessons may be scheduled during a core class.*
- *Students are responsible for making up work missed during lessons.*

Concert Expectations

- Students are expected to follow the MCS dress code and Concert Attire.
 - *Failure to adhere to the dress code will result in a lowered grade.*
- All instrumental students are EXPECTED AND REQUIRED to attend all concerts and performances including parades.

- **These performances count as test grades.**

- All missed performances will result in a ZERO as a performance grade.
 - A note from home will be required if the student is absent due to illness or transportation issues.
 - Please contact Mrs. Perkosky ASAP if there are any conflicts with the provided schedule.
- A make-up assignment will be available for students who miss a performance due to sickness or transportation complications.
 - **It is the student's responsibility to acquire and complete the assignment by the deadline.**
 - Failure to do so will result in a ZERO grade.
- Please review the list of dates and mark your calendars.

Concert Attire

Students should follow the MCS Dress Code. All Students 7-12: All Black!

- ★ Black dress shirt
- ★ Black bottoms
 - Must be knee length or longer.
 - No jeans
- ★ Black stockings/socks
- ★ Black shoes
 - No sneakers
 - No heels over 2"

****Please note, black shoes and socks are needed for marching band****

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Lyre Program

The music department has adopted an accumulative point system for recognizing outstanding participation and achievement in the field of music. Points are awarded starting in 4th and 5th grade when they join the chorus and/or band. As they continue to participate in the music department, points will be added each year. Students will be awarded the Chynelle Lyre and bars during Awards Night at the end of the year starting their freshmen year.

Under this system, students earn points by participating in the following activities:

- Band
- Chorus
- All County Festivals
- NYSSMA Solo festival
- Marching band
- Morris Musical
- Other activities provided by the MCS Music Program.

To earn a Lyre Patch, the following points are required:

- Freshmen- 25 points
- Sophomores- 19 points
- Juniors- 13 points
- Seniors- 7 points

For each additional 6 points earned, a medal bar pin will be added to the lyre.

Student Information Sheet

I, _____ understand, have discussed, and agree to the expectations laid out in the
Print Student Name

Instrumental Syllabus. We have checked the calendar dates and will mark our calendars for

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Instrument Inventory

Instrument: _____ Brand: _____ Serial Number: _____

Circle One: Borrowing an instrument / Own an instrument / Renting an instrument

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Student Phone (if Applicable): _____

Parent/Guardian Name #1: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name #2: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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