

7th and 8th Grade Music

COURSE DESCRIPTION

8th Grade Music is a course that teaches students about music history, guitar, piano, and how to read and write music. You will have the opportunity to create several projects that will enhance your understanding of music.

GOALS OF THIS CLASS

1. To make music!
2. To establish a comfortable learning environment for everyone
3. To promote creativity, cooperation, respect, and self-esteem
4. To refine the essential skills of music (melody, rhythm, harmony, reading, note names, dynamics, expression, etc.)
5. To encourage musical performance throughout life regardless of alternate career paths

SPECIAL NEEDS

Mansfield High School is equipped with many helpful aids for students requiring special needs considerations. If there are any considerations I can incorporate please inform me immediately.

IMPORTANT DATES

Marking Period 3

Quiz #1 – January 30 – SHOW MR. BEST YOUR NOTEBOOK

Test #1 – February 20

Test #2 – March 20

Marking Period 4

Test #1 – April 24

Test #2 – May 29

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Attendance every day is essential to keep up with the work in any music class. Any material you miss must be made up within five school days or it will turn into a zero.
- Long term absences should be communicated to Mr. Best immediately so work can be sent home

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

1. "Be better today than you were yesterday" – A.F.B.
 - Express yourself through music and leave the rest at the door.
2. **Be in your seat when the bell rings** (or at assigned time)
 - You will not be marked present if you arrive late without a pass
 - **Three tardies will result in a detention**
3. Bring your notebook and a pencil
 - You will be responsible for your own notebook. Each day you do not have your music or a pencil you will lose one point
 - **RANDOM CHECKS FOR NOTEBOOKS WILL OCCUR!**
 - If you lose your notebook, contact Mr. Best IMMEDIATELY!
4. Do not speak out of turn.
 - You will be expected to raise your hand at all times.
5. Be positive and participate!
 - We are here to learn about music so let's do it!

CELL PHONES

CELL PHONES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN CLASS. **THEY WILL BE CONFISCATED!!**

WEBSITE AND EMAIL

Refer to the website or Mr. Best's email (BBEST@SOUTHERTIOGA.ORG) for any questions, comments, or concerns.

www.mhstigermusic.com

GRADING

The following is the system used to break down points.

60 – Homework –

- If your homework is due and you are absent, it is due the **next day** you are in school
- If you are absent and homework is assigned, it is due within five school days
- Homework will not be accepted late

90 – Positive Participation & Preparation – Participating in class discussion, singing and performing in class, **bringing notebook to class EVERY DAY.**

120 – Quizzes – One quiz per week. The first quiz grade is showing Mr. Best your notebook

150 – Notebook – Six sections including terms, aural skills, worksheets & handouts, tests & quizzes, guitar & piano notes, and projects.

SHOWING MR. BEST YOUR THREE RING BINDER WILL BE YOUR FIRST QUIZ GRADE

280 – Tests – Two per marking period

300 – Projects – Three per marking period

1000 - Total Possible Points

Add decimal point to final points → 1000 pts = 100.0%

THANK YOU

Let's all follow the rules so we can focus on having an exceptional class. Please contact me by email with any questions, comments, or concerns. This is an exciting semester so get ready to make some excellent music!

Photo Permission

I, (**parent/guardian** sign) _____, give permission for my child to be videotaped and/or photographed by Mr. Best and student teachers from Mansfield University and for those images to be published.

Notebook

I, (**student** sign) _____, am aware that I need to get a three-ring binder (at least 1") for this class. I am also aware that if I have trouble acquiring this binder that I discuss that with Mr. Best before the **due date January 30th, 2008.**