Becker Middle School

 7th Grade Band 🎜

Welcome to the Becker Middle School band program! The following syllabus will give you an overview of the band program, and provide you with important information that will help you to have a great year.

**OBJECTIVES:**

Students will:

1. Be able to demonstrate proper instrument technique
2. Be able to identify basic music symbols and terminology
3. Be able to perform literature from various periods and cultures

**MATERIALS:**

 **1. Instrument:** students MUST have their instrument in class EVERY DAY. Percussion students MUST have drumsticks AND mallets, preferably in a stick bag. All instrument cases and stick bags should be labeled with the student’s name. Any student wishing to use a school instrument must pay the school maintenance fee of $120. All maintenance money paid to the school is used in the upkeep of the instruments and replacement where needed.

 **2. Related Equipment:** Having your instrument also means having your mouthpiece, reeds, neck strap, valve oil, slide grease, and any other items needed to properly play and participate in class. It does no good to have an instrument but no reeds!!

 **3. Music/Lesson Book:**  Each student will receive a music folder to keep their music in. For the ***wind players***, we will use the lesson book **Essential Elements Book 1.** If you do not already have this book, students can choose to have me order the book for them. It is a **huge** task for the teacher to make sure that everyone has the music they need, and students will be expected to take more responsibility for this. Over the course of the year, as book one is completed, students will be expected to purchase the **Essential Elements Book 2**. Percussionists will need the books, **A Fresh Approach to Snare Drum**, and **A Fresh Approach to Mallets**. Music folders will be handed out in the second week of school. All students must be responsible for their music and folder!

 **4. Pencil:** Every student must have a pencil in their music folder (or instrument case) at

all times.

## CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

1. Listen and follow directions
2. Raise your hand
3. Be Respectful

**CONSEQUENCES:**

1. Warning
2. Removal from the activity
3. Parent/Adminstration Contact

**GRADING:**

1. Daily Work and Classroom Participation
2. Playing Assignments
3. Written Assigments
4. Performances

## PERFORMANCES:

All performances count as a test grade. All students are required to attend the performances. **Sporting events do not count as an acceptable absence from a concert!** Just as your team relies on you, a successful band concert requires that all the people who have been working together for months on a goal be present to make the best performance possible. It is suggested that if you find a conflict with your sporting schedule to contact your coach IMMEDIATELY as they can often reschedule.

This year’s performances are on the following dates:

**CONCERT DATES:**

**Thursday, December 15 @ 7:300 (NEW high school auditorium!!)**

**Thursday, May 19 @ 7:30 (NEW high school auditorium!!)**

**CONCERT ATTIRE:**

All students are expected to wear the following concert attire for each performance.

 **Becker Middle School Music Department blue polo shirt / Black bottoms**

\*If you do not already have a Becker Music polo shirt, you may order one through any music teacher for $10.

## PRACTICE:

All students who choose to be a part of the band program must also commit to regular, out of class practice. Practice ensures that students will get the most out of the band program, and successful students are happy students. A practice chart will be issued out at the beginning of each quarter to help students keep track of their practice times. Practice will figure into the students’ grades as they make regular progress on their instrument. Parents can greatly impact their student’s success by encouraging regular practice.

## INSTRUMENT STORAGE:

Each student will be assigned to a locker in the band room, and you may check out a lock if you choose. You must take care of your own belongings!

#### I am really looking forward to a wonderful year! Please check out the middle school band website for more information throughout the year.

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