

Dear Band Parents,

God's Blessings to you today! I pray that you have had a relaxing & restful summer and are ready to start a new school year. Below is information that is pertinent in regard to band.

Goals:

1. Students finding satisfaction in honoring God with the best of their abilities
2. Using positive, yet honest, reinforcement to encourage musical growth.
3. Providing students opportunities to perform outside of the classroom.

Evaluation:

Work Ethic (Goal 1): Students will be expected to follow various instructions in class including home preparation & demonstrating the ability to ask pertinent questions in class. (40% of grade)

Recordings (Goal 2): Students will be expected to record a given piece once a quarter. Students may record at their home or on the school's recording device. Percussion will be evaluated in class. Extra credit can be earned through extra work (private lessons, solo/ensemble, after school, etc.). (30% of grade) (6-8 only).

Completing Scales or Rudiments (Goal 2): Students will be asked to complete either scales or rudiments, depending on their instrument. Materials will be given to students in class (20% of grade)

Brass & Woodwind:

- 5th Grade: Students will play 3 beginning level major scales. *No Grade*
- 6th Grade: Students will play 6 major scales of their choice. (3) by second quarter; (6) by 4th Quarter
- 7th Grade: Students will play 10 major scales of their choice. (5) by second quarter; (10) by 4th Quarter
- 8th Grade: Students will play all 12 major scales. (6) by second quarter; (12) by 4th Quarter

Percussion:

- 5th Grade: Students will perform Group V rudiments. *No Grade*
- 6th Grade: Students will perform Group IV rudiments. (2) by second quarter; (4) by 4th Quarter
- 7th Grade: Students will perform Group III rudiments. (2) by second quarter; (4) by 4th Quarter
- 8th Grade: Students will perform Group II rudiments. (2) by second quarter; (4) by 4th Quarter

***Students may complete these scales ahead of time if they wish.*

Attending Performances (Goal 3): Students will have one graded performance per quarter (10% of grade)

- 1st Quarter: **September 22nd** @ 9:00 AM service (Immanuel Lutheran Church)
- 2nd Quarter: **December 5th** @ 7:00 PM ILS Christmas Concert
- 3rd Quarter: **January 26th** @ Zion (8:00 AM) & Redeemer (10:30 AM)
- 4th Quarter: **May 10th** @ 7:00 PM ILS Spring Concert

***On January 26th please plan on attending at least 1 of the 2 church services. Extra credit for attending both.*

Beginning & Advanced Band Schedule

September 20th:	Grandparent's Day
September 22nd:	Immanuel Lutheran Church – 9:00 AM
October 5th:	Oktoberfest Parade - <i>**extra credit opportunity</i>
November 10/11	All-Region Honor Band: <i>Select Students</i>
December 5th:	ILS Christmas Concert – 7:00 PM
January 26th:	LSW at Zion (8:00 AM) & Redeemer (10:30 AM) - <i>**extra credit for both</i>
May 8th:	ILS Spring Concert – 7:00 PM
May 22nd:	ILS Graduation – 7:00 PM

We're looking forward to working with you this year! May God continue to bless you and your family.

In Christ,

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