



Godwin High School Bands

2019-2020

Teacher: Mr. Derek Ramsey

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Grading Policy:

1. 25% = Positive Rehearsal Contribution: weekly rehearsal skills/after school rehearsals
2. 30% = Summative Assessments: concert repertoire selections/seating auditions/scale tests/written tests
3. 45% = Performances: All scheduled concerts for the various marking periods

Retakes: Students may have the opportunity to re-take performance assessments throughout the marking period, at the discretion of the director.

Concert Attendance:

Concerts: (required for all students)

- Godwin HS Assemblies: **Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day Assembly), Dec. 16 (Winter Assembly)**

Times: TBA

- Godwin HS Band Concerts: **Dec. 12 (Winter Concert), Feb 27 (Pre-Assessment Concert), May 21 (Spring Concert)**.

Report time: 6:15pm. Doors open to Audience at 6:45pm. Concert starts at 7:00pm.

- VBODA District Assessment: **March 12-14**.

The dates and times have not yet been finalized and will be shared as soon as available.

- Additional performances will likely be scheduled for the Jazz Ensemble. Dates and locations TBA.

After-School Rehearsals/Sectionals:

- One sectional per month in the months of January and February (for all bands) and one Saturday Rehearsal Clinic (Wind Ensemble only). The dates and times have not yet been finalized and will be shared as soon as available.

Absences

There is no make-up work for unexcused absences. A transportation issue is not an excused absence. Please see Mr. Ramsey if you cannot get a ride home and we will work on setting up a carpool. Unexcused/excused status remains at the discretion of the band director and the principal. Excused absences from school automatically result in an excused absence from a concert. Students will receive an "Exempt" for excused absences, and a zero for unexcused absences. A performance cannot be "made up"; therefore, there will be no "make up" grade available to a student who misses the performance.

Method Book

Students will use the book "Foundations for Superior Performance" in class. The book will be provided through Godwin HS for all students at no expense, unless book is lost and needs replacement.

Instrument Rental:

Students who wish to use an instrument from the school must request an HCPS Instrument Rental Form from Mr. Ramsey within the first week of school. Rentals are on a first-come first-serve basis. Rentals are at no charge to the student for the school year. Parents are responsible for all damages beyond normal wear and tear.

Concert Attire:

A \$40 uniform fee should have been paid during fee night to cover Tuxedo and/or formal dresses for concert attire. You must provide your own black socks and black dress shoes, flats are recommended, **no sneakers**. Fittings for concert attire will occur in mid-October.

Early Bird Honors – Additional Requirement:

All-District Band Auditions – While all students are encouraged to audition for All-District Band, students enrolled in the Early Bird Honors Band must audition for the VBODA District I All-District Band.

Questions?

Please visit our website www.godwinband.org for any questions you may have. If you need further assistance, the best way to reach me is through the email address provided above.

Office Hours:

I am available for extra help by appointment.