

♪♪ Les Bois Junior High Jazz Band 2019-2020 ♪♪

Tuesday- Wednesday - Friday
2:35-3:45

Jazz Band is an extension of the Les Bois Band program. This ensemble consists of students from different instrumental backgrounds including band and orchestra. Please ask Mrs. Flory if you have any questions on ANY of the information provided in the course packet.

Only return the last page; keep the rest for your personal records.

Information will also be added to the school websites throughout the year.

ATTENDANCE

This class meets during 9th hour on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 2:35-3:45. By joining jazz band, you are committing to be at rehearsals and concerts. If just one person is missing, the whole team suffers. I know jazz band and sport schedules can conflict with one another. If you have a sport that you'd like to participate in, please come talk to me so we can arrange make up work/practice recordings to take the place of the missed classes.

GRADING

Participation, practice, and performances grades will be incredibly important to your success in this class. Participation points are given every class and will be taken seriously: especially for concerts and extra rehearsals. The following scale is a reflection of the letter grade earned based on the 5 point scale.

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| 5 | 100% |
| 4 | 90% |
| 3 | 80% |
| 2 | 70% |
| 1 | 60% |
| 0 | 50% or less |

GRADES – based on four elements

Rehearsal Skills – 10%

- Students receive 5 points per week for good participation and showing quality rehearsal skills.
- Points are earned when students do their best. They are expected to bring their instrument, music, and materials to every class. Points will be deducted for the following:
 - o Forgotten instrument (per day) -2
 - o Forgotten music (per day) -1
 - o Forgotten pencil, talking, playing, etc. (per day) -1
 - o Not playing and participating to their best ability TBD

Written Work & Quizzes– 20%

- Completed class assignments are expected to be turned in on time.
- Work will be graded as either completion or for correctness.
- In class assignments and homework should be completed so that the student and teacher is able to evaluate the level of understanding per concept.
- Written quizzes will be over music theory.

Performances – 30%

- ALL performances are **mandatory**
- To be early is to be on time - To be on time is to be late - To be late is to be forgotten
 - Be on time for each performance you are required to be at, IN PROPER ATTIRE
 - Tardiness to performances will be handled on a case-by-case basis and will reflect in make up work for missed time.
- **All points are lost if absent for any reason.** Absences must be discussed with Mrs. Flory.
- You must notify Mrs. Flory two weeks in advance if you can not make a performance.
- Mrs. Flory does not accept last minute excuses for being absent from a performance (like sports, birthdays, doctor appointments, driver's ed, etc.) Band is a commitment.
- If students become ill or a family emergency arises then an email from the parents or a signed note must be given to Mrs. Flory. You can also call her office and leave a message (208-854-5407). **Only then** can the student make up the missed performance.
- **There are very few reasons to miss a Performance Grade event and all missed performances must be discussed with Mrs. Flory.**

Playing Tests – 40%

- Tests will be done on assigned material including concert music, scales, excerpts, and fundamental exercises.
- There will be a playing test every week with the exception of the week of a performance.

The Final Exam will represent 10% of the semester grade

Class Expectations and Guidelines

- Be in the classroom at the start of class (or you're tardy)
- Be ready to play two minutes after class starts (or you're tardy)
- Every day, you need to have: your instrument, your music, a pencil
- Practice and prepare your music outside of jazz band so that we can use the time to rehearse as an ensemble, not an individual.

Required Materials

Concert Attire

GIRLS –long or calf length black skirt (NO MINIS)

- black dress slacks may be worn
- white blouse, long or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves only
- black dress shoes

BOYS -black dress slacks, black belt

- white dress shirt, long sleeves
- black dress shoes, black socks (longer than ankle length)

School Year Calendar of Music Events

- The 2019-2020 Band Calendar will be released by the end of the first week of school. Many events can be found on the Les Bois Calendar already.
- Please **make sure ALL dates are scheduled in your family calendar.** These dates are set up in advance so family vacations and other activities can be planned around them, **including driver's education.** The only excused reasons for missing concerts are family emergencies, extreme illness, and vacations that were planned before September of this year. **Concerts are that important. Please plan ahead!**

Jazz Band Member Contract

I have read and understand all part of this Jazz Band Contract and understand how it applies to me as a jazz band student. I will do my best to grow as a musician, show respect to myself, my peers, my teachers, and the equipment, and be honest and responsible in everything I do. I accept the consequences if I choose to break this commitment.

I understand Mrs. Flory's expectations. I realize that I am responsible for myself. I will actively participate in class and attend all concerts and out of class rehearsals unless I have made other arrangements with Mrs. Flory at least two weeks in advance. I will also complete all assignments, makeup work, and tests. I agree to do my best to follow the expectations outlined in this packet and will accept the consequences if I choose otherwise.

Student's Name (please print) _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

I have read and discussed the requirements of Les Bois Junior High's jazz band program with the student. I have made/will make note of all required performances/rehearsals and other activities as shown in the Band 2019-2020 Calendar.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

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DUE Friday - August 30, 2020