

7-8 Virtual Band Syllabus Summary for Parents

OVERWHELMED WITH INFORMATION??? Read these syllabus highlights instead!

Important Due Dates:

- Wednesday, September 2nd
 - Flipgrid Consent Form (Paper Copy, submit on Canvas)
 - Digital Information Form (on Canvas)
 - General supplies (ear buds)
- Thursday, September 3rd
 - Have instrument and instrument supplies (varies by instrument) – see p. 2 & 6
- Tuesday, September 8th
 - \$10 for Smartmusic – turn in to FHMS front office if you haven't already
- If you have trouble meeting any of the due dates, just contact me so I can help.

Other Important Things:

1. Sign up for the band Remind texts. I send out reminders this way. Text @fhmsvband to 81010
2. Purchase the “General Supplies” and “Music Supplies” on the second page.

If finances and obtaining supplies are a concern at any point, please contact me and I will make arrangements to help.

7-8 Virtual Band 2020-2021

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Welcome to the Francis Howell Middle School Band! I am excited that you decided to continue in the band program and take your musical involvement to a higher level. I think you will discover that participating in music is a fun and rewarding experience, and I look forward to what we will accomplish this year. The Flipgrid Consent Form from Virtual Pickup is due Wednesday, September 2 on Canvas. A digital information form is accessible in Canvas and is also due Wednesday, September 2.

Required General Supplies – Binder Check Grade on Wednesday, September 2

- Earbuds (you can put them in your pencil bag if you want)
- Having some paper and a pencil next to your work area might be helpful

Materials listed below are due by Tuesday, September 8

- \$10 for Smartmusic – turn in to FHMS front office if you haven't already

Required Music Supplies – Have supplies and instrument by Thursday, September 3

- Instrument (see attached Supply List if you need to rent an instrument)
- Accent on Achievement Book 1 – on Smartmusic
- Instrument Accessories (see attached Supply List for more detailed information):
 - Flute: cleaning rod, swab/handkerchief
 - Clarinet: 4 reeds, silk swab, cork grease, reed protector/case
 - Saxophone: 4 reeds, silk swab, cork grease, reed protector/case, neckstrap
 - Trumpet: valve oil (Blue Juice), slide grease, cleaning brushes (optional)
 - French Horn: rotor oil (Hetman), slide grease, cleaning brush (optional)
 - Trombone: Yamaha slide lubricant, slide grease, cleaning brush (optional)
 - Baritone/Tuba: valve oil (Blue Juice), slide grease, cleaning brushes (optional)
 - Percussion: snare drum sticks at school. Xylophone/pad rental kit at home.

PARENT COMMUNICATION:

1. Sign up for Remind text alerts: Text @fhmsvband to 81010
 - You can also download the Remind mobile app.
 - Get Remind email notifications by sending a blank email to fhmsvband@mail.remind.com
2. Check the band website: www.fhmband.weebly.com
3. Check your student's Canvas for band.
4. Call or email. 636-851-4867 kaitlin.glauber@fhdschools.org

Classroom Expectations (all school rules apply in addition to what is listed below)

1. Excellence In All We Do
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Prepared & On Time
4. Follow All Directions & Procedures
5. Stay Engaged & On Task

No Tolerance Policies

1. No Gum, Food, Drink while playing instruments (bottled water is okay)

Consequence Heirarchy

1. Verbal Warning
2. 2nd Warning and/or Talk With Student
3. Alternative Work
4. Parent Contact and Detention Warning
5. Detention/Office Referral

* If a problem is ongoing or serious, students will automatically start at a higher consequence.

Other Expectations

1. All school rules for virtual learning apply
2. Cell Phones
 - Have your cell phone put away unless we are using it for a class activity.
3. Bathroom
 - Try to use it between classes, during breaks, or during independent work.

Zoom Rules

1. Be Prepared & On Time
 - Check tech before class.
 - Have appropriate supplies.
2. Presentation
 - Use correct first and last name.
 - Dress appropriately.
 - Check your surroundings.
3. Mute Yourself
 - Unmute only when it's your turn to talk or play.
4. Video On
5. Water only
 - No gum, food or drinks (other than water) when playing instruments.
6. Participation
 - Be focused.
 - Pay attention.
 - Be an active participant.
7. Chat Responsibly
 - No side chats.
 - Ask/post appropriate class related questions.
8. Raise Hand to Talk

Grade Scale

A	=	90-100
B	=	80-89
C	=	70-79
D	=	60-69
F	=	0-59

Grading System

ASSIGNMENTS & PARTICIPATION	45%
PLAYING & PERFORMANCE SKILLS	45%
DAILY CHECK-IN	10%
PRACTICE	Extra Credit

ASSIGNMENTS & PARTICIPATION (45%)

- Written assignments, listening logs, exit slips, projects, reflections, discussions, participation, homework, quizzes, etc.

PLAYING & PERFORMANCE SKILLS (45%)

- Playing Tests & Quizzes
 - We will use Flipgrid, Smartmusic, Canvas Studio, and other tools for evaluating performance skills.
 - Smart Music: It cost \$10 for a year subscription. The “new” (not Classic) Smartmusic is web-based, so you gain access through their website. You do not have to download a program. It cannot be used on smart phones. This is a great practice tool because it provides accompaniment and tells students if they miss notes or rhythms.
 - Our method book is in this program, so it’s like a tutor for practicing and preparing for playing tests.
 - Smartmusic is required this year - please send in \$10 and I will set your child up with their account.
 - Retakes: Students can do retakes before or after school. To do so, please make an appointment with Ms. Glauber and come prepared.
- Written Tests - retakes are available as approved by Ms. Glauber
- Group Performance Projects

DAILY CHECK-IN (10%)

- These will be completed at the beginning of every Zoom Meetings. As of right now, I plan on starting each class with a Zoom meeting, even if it is just for 5 minutes to go over plans for the day.
- We probably won’t have Zooms on days that I have a sub. Pay attention to Canvas inbox & Remind for notices of sub days. Work will be posted on Canvas.

PRACTICE (Extra Credit)

- Any required practicing will happen during the allotted class time; however, students tend to make the most progress when they also practice outside of school hours. For this reason, practicing is highly encouraged, and extra credit will be offered for it.

Band Specific Adjustments Related to the Pandemic

Since circumstances are often changing because of the coronavirus, expectations and statements made in this syllabus may change to best fit the situation and the needs of students/parents/teachers. This is a time of flexibility and change, so keep that in mind as we move forward throughout the year.

Performances

- Since this class is virtual, there are no in-person performances.
- Large group synchronous performances are not possible virtually because of lag time.
- Large group asynchronous performances take A LOT of time with audio and video editing to produce, so I will most likely not be producing a large group video performance.
- My hope is to send unlisted Youtube links or other recordings of student small group projects/performances so you can still see student performances.

Jazz Band (7th and 8th Grade Students who choose to participate)

- This is an after school club that will meet once a week starting 2nd semester.
- More information will be provided as we get closer to 2nd semester.

Band Supply List

Music Stores

- Mazingo Music: 4689 State Hwy K, O'Fallon, MO 63368 636-300-9553
 Mon - Thurs • 10am - 8pm Fri • 10am - 6pm Sat • 10am - 5pm
- Music and Arts: 6161 Mid Rivers Mall Dr, St. Peters, MO 63304 636-244-3770
 Mon - Fri • 10am - 9pm Sat • 10am - 6pm Sun • 12pm - 5pm

Method Book

Accent on Achievement Book 1 (Blue) for your instrument – available on Smartmusic

Instrument and Supplies

- **Flute** - Brands: Armstrong, Jupiter, Gemeinhardt, Yamaha
 - Supplies: Tuning rod, cleaning swab/handkerchief, name tag on case
- **Clarinet** - Brands: Buffet, Selmer, Jupiter, Yamaha
 - Supplies: 4 Mitchell Lurie or Vandoren reeds, 4-reed holder/case, cork grease, name tag
- **Saxophone** - Brand: Selmer, Yamaha
 - Supplies: Neckstrap (Neotech recommended), cork grease, 4 reeds (Rico Royal, La Voz, Vandoren, Juno), silk swab, 4-reed holder/case, name tag on case
- **Trumpet** - Brand: Bach, Conn, King, Eastman, Jupiter, Yamaha
 - Supplies: Bach 5C or 7C mouthpiece, Blue Juice, slide grease, cleaning snake and mouthpiece brush (recommended), name tag on case
- **French Horn** - Brand: Holton, Yamaha, Conn, King, Jupiter (double horn)
 - Supplies: Holton MC or Conn 11 mouthpiece, Hetman rotor oil, slide grease, cleaning snake and mouthpiece brush (recommended), name tag on case
- **Trombone** - Brand: Bach, Conn, King, Yamaha, Jupiter
 - Supplies: mouthpiece case (recommended), Bach 12C or 6½AL mouthpiece, Yamaha slide lubricant & water sprayer, slide grease, name tag, cleaning snake/mouthpiece brush (recommended)
- **Baritone** - Brand: King, Conn, Yamaha, Jupiter (for use at home)
 - Supplies: mouthpiece case (highly recommended), Bach 12C or 6½AL mouthpiece, Blue Juice, slide grease, name tag on case, cleaning snake and mouthpiece brush (recommended)
- **Tuba:**
 - Instrument provided by school
 - Supplies: Mouthpiece
- **Percussion:**
 - Xylophone/pad rental kit at home (same one as last year).

Instrument Repairs

- If your instrument needs repairs, you have the following options:
 - If you are renting, check with the rental company – it may be included for free
 - Take it to a music store to get it repaired.
 - Ask for a replacement instrument while yours is getting repaired or contact Ms. Glauber if this isn't available