

***FIFTH GRADE PREBAND CLASS: CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT POLICY
2020-2021***

Dear Parents and Students:

Due to the current situation with Covid-19 and the combination of both homebound and in-school students, recruiting for fifth grade band will be delayed. I will be sending information later in September for parents who wish to start their child on a band instrument at home earlier, but full band will not offered at this time. When the situation allows instrumental performance in school, we will move from the current Pre band class to band recruitment.

I would like to give you a bit of information on what the “Pre band” class will look like. First, students will come to the band room for instruction on Tuesday and Thursdays. The class will be a combination of music theory, appreciation, and performance. We will be utilizing bucket drumming, percussion ensembles and other percussion related instruments. All activities will prepare students for eventual participation in band. All Covid-19 guidelines will be observed, including social distancing and mask wearing. Any instruments used will be disinfected both before and after use. Students will not share instruments. The band room equipment including chairs and stands will be disinfected before class and after. There is an air purifier running in the room throughout the day.

CLASSROOM RULES

1. No talking when the teacher is working.
2. When a rehearsal cut off is given all music playing stops immediately.
3. Classmates, teachers, staff, and visitors are to be treated with respect.
4. Do not touch equipment that does not personally belong to you.
5. All school rules apply in the band room.

CONSEQUENCES

All classroom procedures are designed to provide an orderly learning environment, utilizing the most of classroom time. Every situation can be different and may require a bit different approach in discipline. The following is a list of possible consequences that may result from inability to follow the classroom rules. These consequences may be combined depending on the severity or frequency of the offense.

- Verbal warning (first time offense)
- Communication with parents via e-mail or phone.
- Office visit
- Points lost in classroom participation for that day
- Parent/student meeting
- Communication report
- Detention

GRADING POLICY

Classroom Participation, Preparedness and Rehearsal Etiquette: (60%)

There are 10 points possible per class period. Points are determined by demonstration of good rehearsal skills, which include positive participation in class, an engaged attitude and respectful behavior. Failure to properly follow classroom procedures will lead to points lost for participation. The amount of points lost will depend on the severity of the issue.

Written work/ In Class Ensemble Work (40% of grade): Understanding music theory and concepts is a fundamental part of a student's musical journey. Rhythmic understanding is critical to reading music accurately. Students will be receiving assignments through google classroom on music theory and other music related topics. In addition, students will be applying knowledge learned to rhythmic instruments through bucket drumming, percussion ensembles, and other non- wind instruments. When we are working with percussion instruments students will be graded on a rubric for each activity.

There is no question that music will look a bit different this year due to the Covid- 19 pandemic, but it is my goal to make music a joyful, fun, learning experience. I am passionate about music. Music provides expression that cannot be put into words alone. A multitude of studies show that music incorporates both sides of the brain. This use of the brain aids in other academic disciplines, such as math and reading. Most importantly, however, music serves a major role in the worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. My prayer is that the value of music in our daily lives becomes an important part of your child's life.

If at any time you have questions regarding the class- you may reach me at school- my extension is 71- or through e-mail: Srussell@calvary-academy.com

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Russell