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## **Notre Dame Catholic School Varsity Band**

Mrs. Rebecca Parker

# **Syllabus**

The objective of this course is to glorify God through music by way of performances within Notre Dame Catholic School and the Wichita Falls community.

### **Contact Information**

Parents/guardians may contact me by calling the main number at the school (940)692-6041 or by emailing me at [rebecca.parker@ndcswf.org](mailto:rebecca.parker@ndcswf.org)

### **Course Material**

Each student will be given sheet music for rehearsals, concerts, and special events.

Items such as folders must be kept in excellent care. Failure to do so will result in the student covering the cost of a new item.

Each student must have a pencil for daily rehearsals. Borrowing a pencil will result in one point lost for participation that week. Unfortunately, **sharing materials is not allowed this year.**

### **Classroom/Rehearsal Etiquette/Expectations**

Rehearsals should be taken seriously. We are here to have fun, however, we are here to achieve a common goal, which is to make music together in pursuit of perfection and to glorify God. At all times, students should give their best effort. Failure to do so will result in points lost for their daily participation grade.

### **Behavior Expectations:**

- Please be in your seat with your folder and pencil, ready to begin rehearsal BEFORE the tardy bell rings.
- During rehearsal, if your section is not playing, please follow along and silently study your part. If talking is necessary, please keep it to a **whisper**.
- Raise your hand if you have a question.
- Be kind and respectful to peers, teachers, and guests.
- Eating, drinking, and gum chewing are **absolutely NOT allowed** in the band hall.
- Take care of the band hall and all equipment and materials. **The percussion equipment is off limits to non-percussionists.**
- When in doubt, remember the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. **Please be kind.**

### **Behavior Consequences:**

- Student/Class warning
- Demerit issued
- Office referral
- Parent email

**Note:** Severe offenses will automatically result in a detention and an office referral.

## **Practice/Homework**

Practicing is required for this course. There is no set amount of required practice; however, excellence is expected.

## **Quizzes/Tests**

Students will be quizzed and tested on the music we are performing and concepts we are learning in class. Students will have playing quizzes every quarter. Quizzes and tests will consist of the following...

- ° Excerpts from the music being worked on in rehearsal
- ° Rhythm excerpts
- ° Musical concepts being learned (posture, breathing, etc.)
- ° Theory

At least 2 weeks notice will be given for all quizzes.

## **The Christmas and Spring Concerts are the semester exams for this course.**

### **Concerts**

Two concerts are scheduled for this school year - because of the current global situation, both dates are subject to changing.

**Thursday, December 10th – 6:30 PM**

**Thursday, May 6th – 6:30 PM**

Students are to be in the Band Hall 30 minutes prior to concert time. Any student who misses one or more of the concerts listed above without a valid and pre-approved reason will receive a failing grade for the course.

### **Extra Credit**

Please contact me if you feel that you would benefit from extra credit

### **RenWeb**

RenWeb is used to send email reminders to parents and for grading purposes.

### **Grading and Point Breakdown**

Weekly Participation – 25 points

Other homework assigned as needed – 25 points

Playing quizzes – 50 points

Performances – 100 points

*Grades are posted and updated weekly on RenWeb*

By signing this paper, I agree that I have read the syllabus and understand everything stated on the preceding pages.

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Student's Signature

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Date