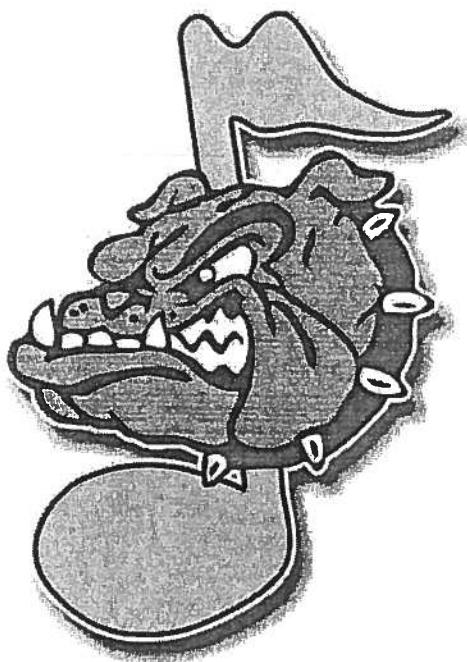


Olmsted Falls Middle School Music Department



OFMS Music Handbook 2016-2017

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Olmsted Falls Middle School Music Department Uniform and Concert Attendance Packet

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Directors' Note

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to OFMS music! In this packet you will find all of the information you will need to plan for the music events for the 2016-2017 school year. Please take special note of the dates for each event as concerts are a **requirement** for all performing ensembles.

As always, if there are any questions about the information in this packet, please contact your student's director.

Thank you!

OFMS Music Staff,



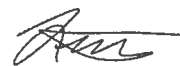
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Music Concert Policy

All concerts are a **required** part of the curriculum of all performing ensembles in the Olmsted Falls School District. All parents or guardians must sign and return the parent acknowledgement form included in this packet stating they have read and understand the music performance policies.

CONCERT POLICIES:

- Arrival/Departure:
 - Be on time--Being tardy will lower your concert grade by one letter.
 - Stay until the end--Leaving early will lower your concert grade by one letter.

- Uniform Information:
 - Read the uniform information page and make sure that you have all necessary parts of the uniform.
 - If you need financial assistance with your uniform, fill out the Financial Assistance form and return it to the school.
 - Failure to dress appropriately may result in a lowered grade and/or exclusion from participation.

- Behavior Issues:
 - During warm-ups--Reduction in concert grade by *one letter grade*
 - During other performances--Reduction in concert grade by *one letter grade*
 - While onstage (*at director's discretion*)
 - Reduction in concert grade by at least *one letter grade*
 - Zero credit for concert grade
 - Removal from stage

***If a student is suspended from school they receive 1 day per school day that they are suspended to contact the teacher to schedule time to make up the work.*

CONCERT ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- Students are required to participate in all ensemble performances.
 - Examples of EXCUSED ABSENCES:
 - Emergency beyond the control of student or parent
 - Illness
 - Other reasons with 30 day approval (see below)
 - All EXCUSED ABSENCES must be scheduled for make up within 5 days of the concert with the following assignments as part of the concert grade:
 - Concert Video Analysis (25 points)
 - Music Concept Quiz (50 points)
 - ONE of the three alternative assignments: (125 points)
 1. Sing/play one of your songs for the class.
 2. Sing/play all of your songs privately with teacher.
 3. Write a 2- page, typed paper as assigned by the teacher.
 - Examples of UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:
 - Lack of transportation
 - Non-school sponsored sporting event
 - Other reasons not approved 30 days in advance (see below)
 - An UNEXCUSED ABSENCE from a performance will result in a failing grade for the marking period in which the absence occurs. Other performances may be added and required if more than one month's notice is given to the student.
 - 30 Day Approval
 - Under exceptional circumstances, an UNEXCUSED ABSENCE may be EXCUSED when arrangements are made at least 30 days in advance of the performance and approved by the director. (Example: planned family vacation).
 - All excuses must be made in writing to the director by the student's parent(s).
 - Adherence to this policy will insure that all students will receive the best possible experience.

Olmsted Falls Middle School Music Uniform Policy

Requirements:

- White button down dress shirt (short or long sleeved)
 - Black dress pants (no capri pants, yoga pants, shorts, or skirts)
 - Black socks
 - Black dress shoes (no tennis shoes or sandals)
 - Black belt (optional)
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Financial Assistance Request for Uniform

*If you are not able to provide one or more of the uniform items below and would like to be considered for financial assistance, please fill out the following form and return it to your student's director by **September 2nd**.*

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Class Period _____

Parent name(s) _____

Please check the items your child needs. There is no guarantee that the exact size will be available, but every effort will be made to get a size close enough to work. Uniforms will be provided before your child's first performance.

Check desired items

White Dress Shirt Size _____

Black Dress Pants Size _____

Black Shoes Size _____

Black Socks (circle) Yes No

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT SCHEDULE 2016-2017

<u>REQUIRED PERFORMANCES</u>	<u>OPTIONAL PERFORMANCES</u>
<p>Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7th grade choirs, 8th grade CC & GH ● Fall Concert at OFMS 	<p>Monday, December 5th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8th grade choir students ● High School Choir Holiday Concert ● OFHS
<p>Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6th grade choirs, 8th grade men's & women's choirs & GH ● Winter Concert at OFMS 	<p>Honors Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Select 8th grade choir students ● Time & Location TBA
<p>Wednesday, February 22, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6th grade choirs & GH 6:30 p.m. ● 7th grade choirs, 8th grade CC & GH 8:00 p.m. ● Winter Concert at OFMS 	<p>*Saturday, Apr. 1, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Select 7th & 8th grade students ● Solo & Ensemble Contest ● Tri-C West
<p>**Fri./Sat. May 5/6, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Select 7th & 8th grade choirs ● Large Group Contest ● Time & Location TBA 	
<p>Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8th grade choirs & GH ● Spring Concert at OFMS 	
<p>Wednesday May 10, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:30 p.m. 6th grade choirs & GH ● 8:00 p.m. 7th grade choirs & GH ● Spring Concert at OFMS 	
<p>May 18, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Select 8th grade choirs & GH ● All School Music Assembly at OFMS 	

*Solo & Ensemble Contest is voluntary and highly recommended for 7th and 8th grade students. There will be some out of pocket costs associated with this contest. Possible costs could include a coach to rehearse the group and an application fee.

**Large Group Contest may involve some 7th and 8th grade students, but not all. Please include these dates on your home calendar. If your child's choir and/or band is/are selected to participate in this Large Group Contest, the Music Department Concert Attendance Policy will be in effect. Therefore, it is very important that you note these two dates on your home calendar at this time. Notification regarding your child's participation will be given 4 weeks in advance of May 5, 2017.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND CONCERT SCHEDULE 2016-2017

<u>REQUIRED PERFORMANCES</u>	<u>OPTIONAL PERFORMANCES</u>
<p>Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016 at 6:30 and 8:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7th and 8th grade bands ● Fall Concert at OFMS 	<p>**TBD, Honors Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Select 8th grade band students ● Time & Location TBA
<p>Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5th and 6th grade bands ● Winter Concert at OFMS 	<p>*Saturday, March 18, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Select 7th & 8th grade students ● Solo & Ensemble Contest ● Location TBD
<p>Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 6:30 and 8:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands ● Winter Concert at OFMS 	
<p>**Fri./Sat. May 5/6, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Select 7th & 8th grade bands ● Large Group Contest ● Time & Location TBA 	
<p>Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 6:30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5th grade band 	
<p>Saturday, May 13, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jazz Band-Music in the Park Festival (Cedar Point) ● TBD 	
<p>Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 6:30 and 8:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands ● Spring Concert at OFMS 	
<p>May 18, 2017 at 8:30-10:30am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8th grade bands and jazz band ● All School Music Assembly ● OFMS during the school day 	

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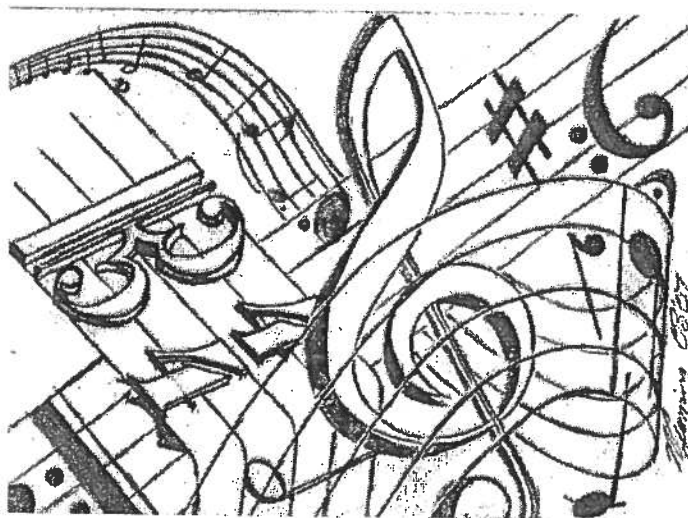
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Classroom behavior expectations:

- Be in your assigned seat, quiet, with your folder and sharpened pencil, ready to begin rehearsal BEFORE the tardy bell rings.
- Talking is not allowed in class. During rehearsal, if your section is not rehearsing, you are expected to be following along and silently studying your part.
- Raise your hand to be addressed by teacher. Be courteous to others and listen while they are speaking and or singing/playing.
- Be kind and respectful to peers, teachers, and guests.
- Eating, drinking, and gum chewing are not allowed in the music rooms.
- Take care of the room and all equipment and materials. The piano, phone, stereo and sound equipment are off limits to students. The practice rooms, ensemble rooms, and director's office are off limits without permission from the director.
- Remain in your assigned seat throughout class. All personal needs should be taken care of before the bell rings. This includes restroom, Kleenex, materials, and water. Remain in your seat until the choir director (not the bell) dismisses class.

Consequences:

- Student / Class warning
- Rehearsal grade deduction
- Parents contacted
- Morning Detention
- Office Referral



PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM & E-MAIL SIGN-UP

Sign & return by September 2, 2016 for the first 10 point assignment

Printed Choir/Band Student Name: _____

____ I have read the Choir/Band Handbook and am aware of the grading expectations for my son/daughter.

____ I will make sure my son/daughter follows the appropriate concert attire as outlined in this handbook.

____ I've read the Attendance Policy and have included the performance dates on our family calendar and will ensure that my child will attend all required events. I understand that these events are required for my student to receive a passing grade. I have read and am aware of the policy regarding excused and unexcused absences and realize that all EXCUSED ABSENCES must be made up within 5 days of missing a performance.

____ DATE _____ PHONE NUMBER _____
PARENT SIGNATURE

____ I am interested in receiving concert reminders and other information regarding choir/band activities and events through e-mail.

Parent Email Address (BLOCK LETTERS): _____

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT & E-MAIL SIGN-UP

____ I have read the classroom behavior expectations and understand the consequences if I do not meet expectations.

____ I have read the Attendance Policy and have seen the calendar of required dates.

____ I've included the choir/band dates on my calendar and will ensure that I attend all required events.

____ I understand that these events are required for me to receive a grade.

____ I am aware that excused absences include personal illness, family emergency, and out-of-town trips ONLY and I must bring a note signed by my parent/guardian explaining my excused absence before I can complete the alternative assignment.

____ I will notify Directors/Teachers of known conflicts with these dates at least 30 days in advance, and will make every attempt to avoid conflicts with my concerts, performances, and dress rehearsals.

____ DATE _____
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