Senior High Band Syllabus

2020-2021 Randolph High School

Course Title: Senior High Band

Textbook: Tradition of Excellence Book 3

Materials Needed: Instrument Pencil Supplies for your instrument

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Objectives:

★ Students will perform a varied repertoire of instrumental music, alone, and with others.

* Students will read and notate music.

★ Students will listen to, analyze, and describe music.

★ Students will evaluate music, music use, and music performance.

Classroom Expectations

- ★ Be appropriate.
- * Be respectful.
- ★ Be on time.
- ★ No food, beverages, gum or cell phone use allowed in the music room.
- ★ All other rules listed in the student handbook apply.

Cell Phones

★ Cell phones are not allowed in the band room during rehearsals. Please keep them in your locker or place them in the cell phone holder in the band room during class. If the director sees it out they will take it and turn it into the office. Cell phones may be out during sectionals to listen to music and doing homework only while you wait. If the director walks by and sees you using your phone for reasons other than homework and listening to music, they will take the phone and turn it into the office.

Food/Gum/Beverage

★ Please leave all food and beverages (water is ok) in your locker in order to maintain a safe environment for students and your instruments. No gum chewing.

Practicing

★ Students are expected to practice at home on a weekly basis. Your director will periodically assign practice records to be completed at home. Students may use practice rooms to practice during their study halls. Make sure you check with your director and get a pass before coming to the band room.

Required Course Materials

★ All students are required to have their instruments in good working condition at every rehearsal and performance, unless otherwise notified by the director. Students and parents should check often to make sure their instrument is in working condition. Although the director will attempt to help fix an instrument, most repairs will need to be done by a professional outside of band rehearsal time. Students that are planning to have instruments repaired should notify their parents before turning them in to the director. Although it is not always possible, students should check with the director to see if arrangements can be made for the student to use a school instrument until theirs is returned. High School is a great time to consider "stepping up" to an intermediate or professional level band

instrument. All instruments needing repairs will be sent to Groth Music. They will call you with an estimate before repairing and will not repair an instrument until they receive payment. Groth Phone # 800-969-4772. You can also take your instrument to somewhere other than Groth to be repaired. Groth is the only place that comes directly to the school for your convenience.

- ★ All students will need to have available the appropriate classroom materials specific to their instrument. These items may include, but are not exclusive to: reeds, oil, slide grease, swabs, mouthpiece covers, and any other instrument specific essentials. Supplies are available for purchase in the directors office before or after school or you may purchase the items from a music store.
- * All students are required to maintain their concert music and pep band folders throughout the year. At the end of the year pep band folders will be returned. Any missing pieces will need to be replaced by the student.

Rehearsal Grade

You will receive 10 points every week for a rehearsal grade.* When you are absent from rehearsal 2 points will be deducted from your rehearsal grade for each rehearsal you are absent. Missed **rehearsal points** can be made up by practicing at home and submitting a practice record. Students will need to practice 30 minutes at home for every rehearsal they are absent. Practice records for missed rehearsals are due before mid-quarter for absences in the first half of the quarter and the end of the quarter for absences after mid-quarter. The only points that can be made up are excused absences.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
Absent Between	Due	Absent Between	Due
September 3 and October 1	October 1	January 21 and February 24	February 24
October 1 and November 1	November 1	February 25 and March 27	March 27
November 4 and December 6	December 6	March 31and April 29	April 29
December 9 and January 17	January 17	April 30 and May 29	May 29

*Points may be deducted for:

Not cleaning up after yourself, not being prepared, not in your seat at least 2 minutes after the bell rings, getting off task during rehearsal, forgetting your materials, not playing when you are supposed to, being disrespectful to students and adults, being tardy, not following directions.

Performances

It is required of band students to attend all concerts and other performances. Missed performances may be made up if the director has prior written notification signed by a parent or guardian at least one week before the performance. The students grade is based on listening to other groups, proper etiquette, participation, concert dress, and set up and take down. Cell phone use is prohibited during a concert.

Concert Dress for Senior High Band

- All black: Black pants or skirt, nude nylons/black socks, plain black dress shirt, black shoes.
- If students are unable to purchase or do not own a pair of black pants, black shoes or a black shirt see your director.

Pep Band

Each student in the Senior High Band is responsible for attending the pep bands on the schedule. It is always best to let your director know if there is a conflict so it can be worked out quickly. Being absent due to work is not an excusable reason. Most employers are willing to schedule around your school commitments if you give them your schedule in advance. Most non-school related conflicts may considered unexcused. will be absent.

Missing a pep band performance due to sports that are sanctioned by the Minnesota State High School League will be excused. Students at an away game or playing with varsity are exempt from that evenings pep band. Non-varsity players are NOT exempt from participating in the pep band.

Everyone needs to be in your sections two minutes before the end of the 4th quarter with your instrument and music ready. Percussionists should arrive early to set up the percussion. It is a percussionists responsibility to set-up and take down. Students should put instruments and music away after performing. Any instruments or music left behind by students will be docked 2 points. Pep band is optional for junior high band members.

*Pep Band performances after the regular season: If there is pep band and a HS band member is at the game and choosing to NOT play with the pep band they will not be able to letter in band or pep band.

Sectionals

Sectionals will be twice a week during band class and are included in the students weekly grade. The days for sectionals will vary. The director will decide the days that will benefit the majority of the group each week with the help of student leaders. There will always be a full band rehearsal three days a week. The director reserves the right to cancel sectionals at any time if students are not using their time appropriately as a group. The director may also cancel sectionals if more full band rehearsals are needed before a concert.

Band is the first priority on sectional days. If students would like to take a test or get help from another teacher they MUST have a pass or they cannot leave. Students must return for their sectional time. When there is a full band rehearsal, passes from other teachers will not be honored. When it is not a students time for a sectional they MUST be doing homework or practicing their instrument. If students are doing nothing when it is not their sectional time then their weekly grade may be docked.

Instrument Rental

Instruments are available to those who do not own their instrument. The rental cost is \$65.00 for the school year. Priority for renting is given to students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. The school will make every effort to be sure each school instrument is clean and all major damage is fixed. When instruments are checked out to students, any damage should be noted on the rental agreement. By signing the contract, the student and parent/guardian agree to repair any damage that occurs beyond normal wear and tear, or replace the instrument if it is deemed beyond repair. Damage beyond normal wear and tear is defined as major dents, broken or stuck slides, broken or stuck valve, bent piping, broken keys, loose solder joints or braces, missing screws. Contact your director if you have questions.

Instrument Storage

Instrument storage space in the band room is available for students during the school day. The band room is open during school hours and locked in the evening. All cases must be labeled with the students name and kept closed and latched at all times. The shelves are to store instruments only. Instruments are to be placed on shelves only to keep the floor open for students to move about without obstruction. Instrument cases left on the floor are hazardous and provide an unsafe environment.

Instrument Repairs

Students that would like the director to look at their instrument should leave the instrument on their desk after class along with the "I NEED" slip of paper attached. If it needs to be repaired by a professional the director will send it to Groth Music for repairs. Groth Music drives down every Wednesday to pick up and return instruments that need repair. It is the students responsibility to notify the director and parents/guardians about the instrument needing repair. Students who use Randolph Band Instruments will be responsible for the cost of damages and repairs if it is determined that the damage is a result of carelessness and neglect. This includes students that were asked to switch to the school owned instrument. See the rental policy agreement for more information. Students that do not have their instrument to play in class will be filling out a rehearsal observation form or playing a school owned instrument if available.

Private Lessons

Private lessons are strongly encouraged for all musicians. Lessons give students the opportunity to improve in proficiency and to enhance their band experience. Please study with someone who is an expert on your instrument. Interested students should contact their director for a list of potential teachers, check the band website for instructors or check out McPhail, Schmitt Music, or Groth Music.

Gradina

Grades will be determined by the accumulation of points earned from sectionals, rehearsal grade, performances, playing tests and other coursework. These points will be totaled at the end of the quarter and the percentage will determine the quarter grade. The semester grade will be determined by totaling points from both quarters and determining the percentage.

Other Performance Opportunities

★ Honor Bands

Throughout the year there are many opportunities for students to attend honor bands. Some are as close as Northfield while others are as far away as Iowa. Participating in the honor groups can be a great experience. Your director will announce these opportunities as they are notified of them. Check the band website or bulletin board for more information on upcoming honor bands and how to sign up.

★ All State Band

Sophomores and juniors are eligible to audition for the All State Band. Auditions are held in March. Students selected to be a member in the All State Band you will attend a music camp the first week of August with other members and rehearse with a well known national director. YouStudents will gather again in February to perform at Orchestra Hall during the state music convention. Being selected to the All State Band is a huge honor!

★ Saturn V (Jazz Band)

There will be a jazz band this year for students in grades 6-12. Any instrument can participate. Percussion will be limited to current percussionists. Practice times will be every Monday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Beginning October 1. The group will perform at concerts and when other opportunities arise. If you are interested in being in the jazz band please fill out the jazz band permission slip and return to Mrs. Sczepanski before October 1.

★ Scholarships

The Marian Theel Music Scholarship is open to all pianists, vocalists, and instrumentalists! The scholarship fund was set up in 1974 dedicated to the memory of Marian Theel who taught piano to more than 2,000 students during her career. The senior scholarship is available to high school seniors living in the Cannon Falls or Randolph school districts, including homeschooled students in those districts. Two scholarships are available in the amounts of \$1,000 (first place) and \$500 (second place). See Band Website or Mrs. Sczepanski for more info.

★ Trips

The High School Band travels every two years. Although the students are able to choose where they want to go, they have usually picked either Disney World or Nashville. In 2018-2019 school year the band traveled to Chicago. Deposits for trips are due in the fall of the non-trip year. More details will be given as the dates get closer.

2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
No Trip	Chicago	No Trip	Trip Year	No Trip	Trip Year
	Travel in March		Travel in November		Travel in March

Lettering Opportunities

★ Jazz Band Letter

To letter in Jazz Band a student must perform at all performances the jazz band has. Students can only miss one scheduled rehearsal and must perform an improvised solo in a performance. Students must also be on time to all rehearsals.

★ Pep Band Letter

To letter in Pep Band a student must be in grades 9-12, attend <u>all</u> the regular season pep bands, including post season and extra credit nights and perform until the end of halftime for football games and basketball games that we stay for. You can miss one pep band that is not during the regular season play and still letter in pep band. Band is a great way to show your teams support and school spirit!

- *Pep Band performances after the regular season: If there is pep band and a HS band member is at the game and choosing to NOT play with the pep band they will not be able to letter in band or pep band.
- ★ Band Letter See Band Lettering Policy on the next page and the band website.

Band Lettering Requirements

To letter in band students must meet the following criteria:

- A. Be enrolled in band for both semesters during the academic year.
- B. Earn at least an A- for all four quarters of the school year.
- C. Have no unexcused absences or tardies.
- D. Attend all of the following major performances below. No exceptions!
 - Coronation
 - Holiday Concert
 - Mid-Winter Concert

- Large Group Music Contest
- Spring Concert
- Graduation
- E. In addition to A, B, C, and D students must also complete one of the three options below.

Option1	Option 2	Option 3
Fulfill two in category A	Fulfill four of the criteria in Category B	Fulfill one of the criteria in Category A and two criteria in Category B.

CATFGORY A

(Year long activity)

- Saturn V (Jazz Band)
- Pep Band (can only miss one performance)
- Other major ensemble/performing groups at the director's discretion
- Audition for All State Band
- Perform in the National FFA Band
- Service Projects*
 (See back of page for service project information)

CATEGORY B

- Perform all the major scales from the All State Band scale list
- Participate in Solo/Ensemble Contest (Each entry counts as one category B, two entries would count as two category B's.)
- Participation in an Honor Band
- FFA State Band
- Take Private Lessons during the school year
- Performing at Church (need dates and a signed note from your pastor)
- Giving private lessons to elementary band student
- Helping during Spaghetti Dinner
- Work at the Spooktacular
- Attend a summer Band Camp
- Take summer band lessons

- Tractor Parade
- Participation in a Community Band

- Other ensembles at the discretion of the director
- Service projects*

(See back of page for service project information)

WHAT ARE SERVICE PROJECTS?

*Service projects are tasks that assist the band director in the operation and organization of the Randolph High School Band Program. The amount of credit towards lettering is earned based upon the number of hours it takes to complete the project. A minimum of 10 service units (10 Hours of work) is required to receive a "B" category credit. A minimum of 20 service units (20 hours of work) is required to receive and "A" category credit.

Possible projects include maintenance of the band library, creating parts, handing out music, or any other projects that may assist the program. A form to be filled out by the student and the teacher being assisted may be found in the band room or obtained from Mrs. Sczepanski. Hours devoted to the project should be logged on the form provided. The director signs the form when the project begins and when the project is completed.

**See the syllabus for definition.

It is the students' responsibility to maintain their own records to confirm they have met the requirements for earning a letter. In addition, students must attend and prepare for lessons so that they may earn the necessary minimum grade ("B") during quarters 1, 2 and 3 that is required for their letter.

Service work: 1 hour = 1 service unit. 10 service units = Category B credit. 20 service units = Category A credit.

All information regarding the lettering policy, plus the forms you may use to keep track of your service activities and hours can be found on the band website and by asking Mrs. Sczepanski.

RANDOLPH BAND SUPPLIES

Students should have the following equipment for band:

All Band Students:

Instrument in good working order

Pencil

Music Folder (provided)

ID Tag on their instrument

Flute:

- Cleaning rod
- Swab

Clarinet:

- At least 5 reeds
- Mark IV reed guard
- Cork grease
- Silk cleaning swab
- Yamaha 4C Mouthpiece
- (Optional) Mouthpiece brush (or old toothbrush) for at home cleaning

Saxophone:

- At least 5 reeds
- Mark IV reed guard
- Cork grease
- Silk cleaning swab (they wash better and don't break as often)
- Neck strap
- Yamaha 4C Mouthpiece or Selmer S80C for Alto's
- (Optional) Mouthpiece brush (or old toothbrush) for at home cleaning

Trumpet:

- Blue Juice valve oil
- Selmer tuning slide grease
- Trumpet cleaning kit (optional for at home cleaning)

Trombone:

- Slide-O-Mix Rapid Comfort lubricant
- Tuning Slide grease
- Small spray bottle
- Trombone cleaning kit (optional for at home cleaning)
- Schilke 51D Mouthpiece

Baritone:

- Selmer slide grease
- Blue Juice valve oil
- Soft cloth
- Schilke 51D Mouthpiece
- Baritone cleaning kit (optional (optional for at home cleaning)

Bass Guitar:

- Amplifier
- Hard or soft case
- Patch cord
- Tuner

Percussion:

- Drum Sticks
- BB 5 Mallets-vibes
- BB 8 Mallets-xylo
- BB12 Mallets-Bells
- T3 Mallets-timpani
- BB2 Mallets-cymbal
- BB10 Mallets-Hard
- Stick Bag

Music Supply Order From

Prices are subject to change and go up or down depending on the market. The prices are for each item and the cost to replace if lost or broken as of Sept. 2017. These are the items that I regularly have on hand. Anything else will need to be ordered.

Flute Supplies

Flute Cleaning Rod (Metal)	\$5.00
Flute Swab (Hodge Silk)	\$10.00
Flute Swab (GEM Silk)	\$10.00
Flute Swab (Yamaha Polishing Gauze)	\$8.00
Tradition of Excellence Lesson Book	\$11.00
Band Folder	.75
Name Tag	Free

Clarinet Supplies

Clarinet Reeds	\$2.00 each
(Rico #2, Rico #2.5, Mitchell Lauri	e)
Ligature (Generic)	\$3.25
Thumb Rest	\$1.00
Cork Grease	\$1.75
Cleaning Swab (GEM)	\$11.95
Bass Clarinet Swab (Hodge)	\$11.95
Mouthpiece patch	\$1.75
Clarinet Lyre Ring Only (Trophy)	\$3.15
Clarinet Lyre (Trophy)	\$4.50
Reed Guard (small)	\$1.00
Tradition of Excellence Lesson Book	\$11.00
Band Folder	.75
Name Tag	Free

Alto Sax Supplies

Alto Sax Reed (#2 Rico, #2.5 Rico)	\$2.50 Each
Reed Guard	\$1.50
Cork Grease	\$1.75
Cleaning Swab (Hodge)	\$13.50
Ligature (Generic)	\$3.75
Ligature (Yamaha)	\$14.00
End Plug (Yamaha)	\$2.80
End Plug (Selmer)	\$3.95
Lyre (Trophy)	\$2.85
Neck Strap (Rico)	\$11.00
Neck Strap (Jupiter)	\$8.00
Tradition of Excellence Lesson Book	\$11.00
Band Folder	.75
Name Tag	Free

Tenor Sax Supplies

Tenor Sax Reed (#2 Rico or #2.5 Rico)	\$3.50 each
Tenor Sax Reed Guard	\$1.30
Ligature (Generic)	\$4.00
Tenor Sax Ligature (Yamaha)	\$16.00
Tenor Sax End Plug (Selmer)	\$4.95
Tenor Sax End Plug (Yamaha)	\$4.95
Cleaning Swab (Hodge)	\$11.75
Cork Grease	\$1.75
Lyre (Trophy)	\$2.85
Tradition of Excellence Lesson Book	\$11.00
Band Folder	.75
Name Tag	Free

Bari Sax Supplies

Bari Sax Reed (Rico #2)	\$8.00 each
Reed Guard	\$4.75
Cork Grease	\$1.75
Bari Sax Ligature (Yamaha)	\$29.00
Bari Sax Ligature (Generic)	\$5.00
Bari Sax Neck Harness	\$28.00
Lyre (Trophy)	\$2.85
Tradition of Excellence Lesson Book	\$11.00
Band Folder	.75
Name Tag	Free

Trumpet Supplies

Blue Juice Valve Oil	\$5.00
Selmer Slide Grease	\$4.00
Brass Mouthpiece Brush	\$1.50
Cleaning Snake	\$4.00
Cleaning Rod	\$3.50
Trumpet Lyre (Trophy)	\$2.70
Tradition of Excellence Lesson Book	\$11.00
Band Folder	.75
Name Tag	Free

Trombone Supplies

Slide-O-Mix	\$10.0
Selmer Slide Grease	\$4.00
Brass Mouthpiece Brush	\$1.50
Cleaning Snake	\$4.25
Cleaning Rod	\$9.75
Tradition of Excellence Lesson Book	\$11.00
Band Folder	.75
Name Tag	Free

Baritone and Tuba Supplies

Blue Juice Valve Oil	\$5.00
Selmer Slide Grease	\$4.00
Brass Mouthpiece Brush	\$1.50
Tradition of Excellence Lesson Book	\$11.00
Band Folder	.75
Name Taa	Free

Percussion Supplies

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	Drum Sticks Vic Firth SD1 General	\$9.00
	Mike Balter Stick Bag	\$86.15
	(Includes BB2, BB8, BB10, BB12, T3)	
	Vic Firth Intermediate Education Pack	\$90.75
	(timpani, cymbal, and bell sticks	
	and two sets of drumsticks)	
	BB2 Mallets-cymbal*	\$25.00
	BB 8 Mallets-xylo	\$25.00
	BB10 Mallets-Hard*	\$25.00
	BB12 Mallets-Bells	\$25.00
	T3 Sticks-timpani	\$25.00
	BB 5 Mallets-Vibes	\$25.00
	Tradition of Excellence Lesson Book	\$13.00
	Band Folder	.75
	Name Tag	Free



Please check off what you would like to order and return this slip with cash or a check made payable to Randolph High School.

	Check#	Cash		
Student's Name:			Grade:	
Teacher:		Date:		

RANDOLPH BANDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019-2020

<u>January</u>

Pep Band-Boys Basketball



<u>September</u>

Pep Band-Volleyball

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12	Fifth Grade Band Open House, 5:00-7:00*	10	Pep Band-Girls Basketball
17	Pep Band-Volleyball-Homecoming	11	Southeast Minnesota Band Directors Honor
20	Pep Band-Football-Homecoming		Band for Grades 6-8 and 9-10
23	Mini Band Camp for 5th Grade	21	Pep Band-Girls Basketball
		31	Pep Band-Boys Basketball
<u>Octo</u>	<u>ber</u>		
11	Pep Band-Football	<u>Febru</u>	<u>ary</u>
22	Potential Pep Band-Football Playoff Game	25	Potential Pep Band-Girls Basketball Playoff
24	Potential Pep Band-Volleyball Playoff Game	27	Potential Pep Band-Boys Basketball Playoff
25	Spook-tac-ular Halloween Event	29	Potential Pep Band-Girls Basketball Playoff
31	Possible Pep Band-Volleyball Playoff Game		
		March	<u>1</u>
Nove	<u>ember</u>	3	Large Group Band Contest @ Randolph
1	Potential Pep Band-Football Playoff Game	3	Potential Pep Band-Boys Basketball Playoff
2	Potential Pep Band-Volleyball Playoff Game	5	Music in Our Schools Month Concert, 4-12
4	South Eastern Conference Junior High Honor		Bands and Choirs @ 7:00 PM
	Band @ Spring Grove High School	7	Potential Pep Band-Boys Basketball Playoff
11	Veteran's Day Program @ 9:00 AM	12	Potential Pep Band-Boys Basketball Playoff
20	MN Orchestra with 4-6 Grade	24	Solo and Ensemble Contest @ Goodhue
22	U of M Indoor Marching Band Concert -High		
	School Band	<u>May</u>	
25	Fifth Grade Band Concert, 2:00 PM	8	5th and 6th Grade Band Spring Concert @
			10AM
<u>Dece</u>	<u>ember</u>	9	First and Second Year Band Festival @ Hasting
9	7-12 Band and Choir Concert, 7:00 PM		Middle School
12	Senior High Band to the Veterans Home	13	High School Band Spring Concert, 7:00 PM
16	Elementary Holiday Concert, 5th and 6th	14	Potential Pep Band-Softball @ 4:00
	Grade Band 1:00 and 6:00 PM	25	Memorial Day Performance @ 10:00 AM
17	Pep Band-Girls Basketball	30	Graduation Performance, 7:00 PM

Due: Friday, Sept. 6

10 Points

Please read through the entire band syllabus and mark the performance dates on your calendars. When you have read through it, sign and date below and return to Mrs. Sczepanski no later than Friday, Sept. 6. By signing below it means that you have fully read the band handbook, written the music dates on your calendars and understand what is expected in Junior High and Senior High Band.

Please check below wh	en you have completed each task.				
	Read through the band syllabus				
	Mark the music dates on your calendars Sign up for text message reminders about performances and testing reminders (instructions included on back of this sheet)				
	Like the "Randolph Rockets Band" Facebook page if you have Facebook. This will be my main way of communicating to the public about the program. If you do not have Facebook you will be able to view the page from the band website at www.randolph.k12.mn.us				
Students Name (Print):	Grade				
Student Signature:	Date				
Parent/Legal Guardians	Name (Print):				
 Parent/Legal Guardians	Signature: Date:				
Parent/Guardian E-mail	Address checked most often to receive communication from Mrs. Sczepanski:				
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