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Get in the know about Grading, Solo & Ensemble, Musical, State Honors, & more!



Grading: What are the expectations for band/choir students?

As we approach the middle of the school year, it's a good time to review the expectations of band and/or choir students. We want families and students to know what is on their to-do list and help them be successful. The music grade has two parts: attendance and online assignments. Attendance is coming to his/her lab for 20 minutes each week. If a student misses, he/she should contact Mrs. Winkler or Mrs. Stowers to schedule a make up. For grading, an attended lab is 10/10 and a missed lab is 7/10. Online assignments are given roughly every two weeks. These are short 10-15 minute assignments to check for understanding of skills practiced in labs. There are no points taken off for late assignments. Please check Canvas-Grades and/or Infinite Campus to see if you have any missing assignments. **If a student misses 3 labs in a row, we will email/call home to notify.**

Music...Covid Style



Music students are following [Covid Music Lab Etiquette](#) to help keep all of us safe. The High School Music Boosters have a few music masks left from their recent fundraiser. Check with [Mrs. Vetting](#) for availability before submitting the [order form](#). Band students were encouraged to create [“Do It Yourself”](#) instrument masks. Check out our creations below.



Band & Choir: Lab Schedule Changes

The third week of January (18th-22nd) will be a makeup / bonus lab week. Students **MUST** attend their lab if they are missing a lab or an online assignment. If students are all caught up, they can choose to attend their lab to have some fun, free time :).

The band and choir lab schedule will then be changing the last week of January at the start of second semester. This is to accommodate students participating in Solo and Ensemble Festival. Solo and Ensemble students will have a lab for each event they are participating in. Non-Solo and Ensemble students will have a new time but still once a week for 20 minutes. If you would like to be in a different group, please notify your music teacher.

Solo & Ensemble: Extra Opportunity!

Solo & Ensemble is approaching! This is an extra opportunity for students to practice the process of selecting new repertoire, rehearsing until performance ready, and performing for a judge. For more information, click [here](#). Please note the changes due to Covid. Students have already started to express interest. If your student is interested, please have them talk to their music teacher if they haven't already done so.

The Show Must Go On! MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL Covid Style

I am very excited to announce that we will still be having a middle school musical this year! It will be different due to Covid but will still be a great production. For more information, see the announcement [here](#).

State Honors Band / Choir: Even More Opportunity!

The WSMA Middle Level State Honors Music Project offers musically accomplished youth the opportunity to rehearse and perform with nationally-known conductors in a professional setting. All Honors groups perform at the Wisconsin State Music Conference. Middle Level State Honors students receive their music in August and meet for the first time the day before their fall performance. The rehearsal day and formal concert will take place in the Madison area. If interested, the audition videos need to be submitted by April 16th. Click [here](#) for the website or [here](#) for the Canvas page. For any questions, please contact Mrs. Winkler or Mrs. Stowers.

Band Supplies & Instrument Maintenance

It may be time to replenish supplies like reeds or valve oil. [Here](#) is a list of supplies for SFMS Band students. Instruments should be serviced on a yearly basis to keep them in top playing condition. Both of the music stores listed below service our school and would be more than happy to help you with any of your musical needs:

- Dreams Unlimited Music Store and Studio
 - Shirley McDole: dreamsunlimitedmusic@yahoo.com - (920) 893-8703
- White House of Music
 - Julie Hamm: julie@whitehouseofmusic.com - (414) 581-5987
 - [Student Store](#) (type in Sheboygan Falls)

Private Music Instruction

If you are interested in private music lessons outside of school, [here](#) is a list of instructors in the area.