

Percussion Ensemble Syllabus

Welcome to the Jupiter High School Percussion Ensemble. Examine the information below and be sure you have all of the information you need to have a successful year. High expectations will be the norm for this course. It is expected that you practice daily and come to every class prepared for rehearsal. You are expected to make high grades on all tests and assignments. This class is for all percussion students. You will be assigned to a performing ensemble and will be required to participate in that ensemble's rehearsals and performances.

Objective: The Percussion Ensemble class will go over the fundamentals of being a well-rounded percussionist. The overall goal of the Percussion Ensemble class, is to prepare all students for the next level of education, whether it be high school or college. Students will learn the fundamentals of these main instruments-

- Snare Drum
- Mallets (Marimba, Xylophone, Vibraphone)
- Timpani
- Various Auxillary

Required Materials: Students will be expected to provide the following materials for class: Pencils, Music Folder (separate from Band Folder), Snare drum sticks(VF SD1), Multi Purpose Marimba mallet. (VF M171), Basic Tuner (Pitch Pipe/Electric tuner/Tuning fork)

In Class Requirements: By the end of this year, students will need to have shown a good understanding of a well-rounded percussionist. They will need to demonstrate various skills including-

- All 12 Major Scales
- All 12 Natural Minor Scales
- Select Rudiments from the PAS 40 Essential Rudiments
- Ability to tune timpani using relative pitch
- Show the ability to sight read, and prepare provided selections of music
- Perform selections of music in front of an audience.

Tests on these skills will occur throughout the year and will be *for a grade*.

Performances/Concerts

There will be at least three major concerts throughout the year. There will be mandatory after school rehearsals leading up to these concerts. All performances and rehearsals will be *for a grade* so please plan your schedules accordingly. Remember to frequently check emails and www.jupiterbands.com for times and updates.

MPA and Percussion Ensemble Concert Camp

The Percussion Ensemble is required to have a concert camp that will take place in **January, 2020** after school. This camp is usually about three days of specialized instruction. Students are also required to participate in the concert music performance assessment (MPA) which is dated on **March 10 or 11**. There will be some extra evening rehearsals leading into MPA. These rehearsals are mandatory for everyone in Percussion Ensemble and will be *for a grade*. Please check www.jupiterbands.com for dates and times.

Solo and Ensemble

Students in Percussion Ensemble who are assigned to Wind Symphony are **required** to participate in Solo and Ensemble, which will take place on **February 7 or 8, 2020**. (Those students who are assigned to Concert Band or Symphony Band are **highly encouraged** to participate.) Start looking for solos and ensembles **now** so you can start practicing. You must practice daily for this as you will be heard by a state certified judge who will give you both written and verbal comments after your performance. You will be representing Jupiter High School to other music teachers in the state so please make sure you are fully prepared for this! If you choose to participate, you will be required to play your piece for me in December and (with your accompanist if you choose a solo) in its entirety before you play for the judge. This will be ***for a grade*** if you are assigned to Wind Symphony. You will be assigned an accompanist in January, if you choose a solo and don't already have one. As soon as you receive that assignment, contact your accompanist to arrange for rehearsals and your pre-performance.

Percussion Ensemble Class Syllabus Agreement Form

Please sign and return this form:

Signing the form below states that you understand and agree to comply with the policies set forth therein of the class syllabus. You understand that all MPA rehearsals, Concert Camps and Concerts are mandatory and that your participation in those rehearsals determines your participation in the Jupiter High School Concert Band.

Student name_____

Student signature_____Date_____

Parent name_____

Parent signature_____Date_____

This form is due for a grade no later than August 23, 2019.