

Welcome to the 2011 - 2012 Goddard Scholars Academy Band! I look forward to working with you to make wonderful music this year!

### **Grading Policy**

1. **60% of your grade will be based on your daily preparation, participation and rehearsal etiquette. This grade will be comprised of the following aspects of your day-to-day performance:**

- a. Students bring instruments to class
- b. Students bring music to class
- c. Students have a pencil at every rehearsal
- d. Students demonstrate respect for the director and other band members (e.g. stay on task, follow directions, instruments stay silent until students are instructed to play, students listen while others are speaking)
- e. Students participate in classroom discussions and activities
- f. Students complete in-class writing and music notation activities
- g. Students are musically prepared for class and have practiced and learned their music to the best of their ability

2. **20% of your grade will be based upon your attendance and participation in required performances.**

3. **20% of your grade will be based on writing assignments, quizzes, and playing quizzes.**

#### **Extra Credit**

Students may earn extra credit points for any of the following:

1. Taking private lessons outside of school
2. Attending a concert and bringing the stub or program to the director
3. Writing a review of a concert or recording
4. Submitting practice logs
5. Auditioning for Junior Districts

### **Band Donation**

As always, there will be a band participation donation of \$40.00 for the school year. This fee directly benefits the students in the program. We are able to buy reeds, valve oil, make repairs, buy new music, transportation for field trips and much more if everyone can contribute! Cash or Check should be made out to Meredith Lord. There will be a letter with more information on payment to follow.

### **Band Method and Theory Books**

Members of the SMS Band will be working out of the following books throughout the year:

1. Alfred's Essentials of Music Theory, Complete (All Bands)
2. Yamaha Band Series
3. Hal Leonard Essential Elements Series

\*Students are not required to purchase these texts but can if they would like their own copy for home.\*

### **Required Materials**

**All SMS Band Members will need the following materials at every rehearsal:**

(Most materials i.e. reeds, oil, grease, etc. are some of the many things the Band Fee provides)

1. Each band member must have his/her own instrument
2. Pencil to be kept in the instrument's case
3. Folder for band music/writing assignments

#### **Flute/Piccolo Players**

Cleaning Rod & Cleaning Cloth (a handkerchief usually works well for this)

#### **Oboe/Bassoon/Clarinet/Saxophone Players**

At least 3 reeds (Size 2 ½ or 3), Cork Grease, Cleaning Swab

#### **Trumpet/Horn/Baritone/Tuba Players**

Valve Oil, Slide Grease

#### **Trombone Players**

Slide Oil or Grease, Small Cleaning Rag Slide Spray Bottle

**Percussionists**

Rubber practice pad, Snare Drum Sticks, Snare Drum with stand

**Rehearsal Etiquette**

1. When the director is speaking to or playing for the class, band members are expected to be respectful, listening, and supportive.
2. If it is **not your** instrument, do not touch or play it! This rule applies for percussion, too.
3. Be prompt and get ready quickly for all rehearsals. There is no time to waste!
4. No gum, food, or drink during rehearsal.
5. Instruments and other materials should be put away in the proper cabinets and storage areas at the end of every rehearsal.
6. Follow the Three E's for everything you do, it is only worth doing it with ENTHUSIASM, EXCITEMENT, ENERGY, EXCELLENCE AND INTENSITY.

**Use of the Band Room and School Equipment**

1. Students may use the Band room during regularly scheduled classes only. Students may also schedule time before or after school to practice as long as the Director is present. No one is to be in the band room unattended.
2. Students will be assigned a spot in the instrument room on the shelves. This area is for storage of instruments and band folders only. All cases and folders must be clearly labeled with the student's name. If it is **not your** instrument or folder don't touch it.
3. Most students, especially percussionists, will be using school-owned instruments during some rehearsals and concerts. These instruments are the property of Sullivan Middle School and should be used in the proper manner. These instruments are expensive – if it is broken, lost or stolen, you are expected to replace it.

**“Return it in better condition than when it was given to you”.**

**Performance Attire**

Gentlemen: Black pants, White dress shirt (tucked in, please!), Dark colored socks and shoes, Tie (optional)

Ladies: Black pants or skirt (skirts must be at least knee length), white dress shirt or blouse, dark colored socks and shoes (black or skin-colored tights or nylons are also acceptable)

\*\*If you are not sure that the clothes you have are appropriate for the concert, please see check with Mrs. Lord prior to the concert day.\*\*

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Please sign and return this section to Mrs. Lord by **Monday, September 12, 2011**

We have read through and understood the 2010-2011 SMS Band Handbook, and we are aware of the Grading Policy and Expectations.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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