

The Milford High School

**CONCERT
BAND**

2011-2012

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Milford Instrumental Music Department

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Welcome to the Milford High School Concert Band! I am very excited to begin a new year with fun, contemporary music and wonderful students. With new music comes new challenge, and the opportunity to learn more about music, ourselves, and our wonderful ensemble. I hope that together we can create a positive and productive learning environment where we can have fun making music. I know we will continue the excellence in music that has been established here in Milford, and appreciate your willingness to embrace any changes that may add to your overall musical experience as the year progresses.

The Milford High School Concert Band is a group made up of students grades nine through twelve. The band meets daily during the school year for fifty minutes each day. The focus of the Concert Band is to develop fundamental skills that will help students grow musically as an individual and as an ensemble. Throughout the 2011-2012 school year the Concert Band will perform three concerts and students will have the opportunity to participate in multiple OMEA adjudicated events.

Procedures and Rules

These procedures and rules are put in place to create a successful and positive learning environment for you and your peers. Failure to comply with procedures and rules can result in deductions of participation/effort grades, ineligibility to perform at events, assignment to Saturday schools, and/or removal from the class.

1. First and foremost, **Respect**. Show respect to adults and peers, music and materials, equipment, and facilities at all times.
2. **Have Fun!** Let music be an escape for you from the stresses of everyday life and school work. Take pride in your work as well as your peers. Most importantly, strive to be the best musician you can be!
3. Report to class on time and prepare for rehearsal. Students should be in your seats prepared to rehearse with all necessary materials no later than **4 minutes** after the tardy bell rings.
4. No food, drinks, or gum is to be brought into the music facilities at any time. Take care of your facilities and clean up after yourselves and others to help make this a good environment for everyone.
5. Be actively involved and engaged in rehearsal at all times. Disruptions will impede our ability to have a positive and productive learning environment where we can focus on the fundamental skills that will help us grow as musicians and individuals. Disruptions and disrespect will not be tolerated.
6. All students must have a combination lock on their instrument lockers. Students are expected to provide their own combination lock for their locker. **NO KEY LOCKS!** This is to protect your family's investment in your instrument and supplies. Students will not be permitted to use the instrument lockers without a lock after September 2.

Practice and Events Outside of School

Band members are expected to practice an absolute minimum of two hours per week to have his/her music prepared for our class rehearsal. Students are strongly encouraged to take private lessons, take part in area honor bands, and perform in the O.M.E.A. Solo and Ensemble festival. More information about these events will be provided throughout the school year (see attached calendar for dates), however; students should have their music selected for Solo & Ensemble and an accompanist should be secured prior to the holiday break. Materials will be due either immediately before or after the holiday break. This always sneaks up- please plan now by notifying your private teachers. Unlike the junior high event, there is a required list from which students must select their music.

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Grading

Weekly Participation and Effort- (10%)

This includes actively participating in class, following all classroom procedures and rules, having a positive attitude, being prepared for class, and displaying self-discipline.

Weekly Handouts- (10%)

Students will have weekly handouts to complete throughout the school year. Handouts will focus on important material that will allow students to further progress musically (i.e. rhythm, scales, etc).

Playing Tests/Quizzes-(30%)

Playing tests and quizzes will consist of selected scales, etudes, and concert band music.

Critique/Analysis of Professional Performances-(15%)

All concert band members are required to attend 1 out-of district music performance per semester and write a short synopsis of the concerts. Specific details are included in this packet.

Paper 1 Due Monday, December 19

Paper 2 Due Monday, May 14

Concerts and After School Rehearsal Attendance-(35%)

All mandatory concerts and rehearsals will count as a portion of the final grade for each semester.

Semester Final Exam

There will be one written and/or playing exam each semester.

Concerts and After School Rehearsals

All concerts are mandatory for every student in concert band. Performances are a crucial part of the music education experience as it is a way for students to demonstrate what they have learned and how they have grown as a musical ensemble. These concerts can be a very special time for students and families. We hope you truly enjoy these experiences.

Attached you will find a calendar that includes our rehearsal and performance schedule. **Please note on the calendar after-school rehearsals** scheduled before the December concert and before the O.M.E.A. Large Group Contest. Please add these dates to your calendar immediately, and avoid scheduling appointments, etc. during these times. **These rehearsals are mandatory.** In the event that a band member cannot attend a rehearsal, a note from the parent/guardian must be submitted *one week prior to the scheduled rehearsal*. Unexcused absences *will* affect grades. Students who miss any after-school rehearsals before contest or a concert - excused or unexcused - may lose their eligibility to perform at that event. Only very *extreme* emergencies/illnesses will be regarded as an excused absence from a performance. ***If there is a conflict with another activity (i.e. sports, drama), it is the student's responsibility to make arrangements to attend the rehearsal/concert. Concert Band is a full credit class, not an extra-curricular activity.**

Concert Attire

Gentlemen:

Concert tux uniforms
Solid white tuxedo shirt*
Black socks*
Black dress shoes*

Ladies:

Black concert uniform pants
Black concert uniform shirt
Black hose*
Black dress shoes*

*These items are personal responsibilities

Supplies and Instrument Upgrades

Reeds and a small amount of other supplies can be ordered through our Buddy Roger's representative. Students may pay for and order the supplies and they will be delivered to the school. Please put money in an envelope with a name and detailed description of the item you need and give it to a director. Students are encouraged to buy directly from area music stores. Buying reeds by the box saves money and time. If you are not taking private lessons and are not sure of which strength reeds to purchase, please see one of the directors.

Most comprehensive public school instrumental programs suggest that by the time a student reaches the eighth or ninth grade they trade their beginner model instrument in on an upgraded instrument. For example, students at the high school level should be playing at least an intermediate level wood clarinet. The bore size of beginning brass instruments/mouthpieces is too small for the more mature instrumentalist. The tone of a flutist can be drastically improved by upgrading to a silver instrument. If your son/daughter wishes to purchase an upgraded instrument, we have many catalogs and price lists on file in our office which you may borrow. Often times simply upgrading the mouthpiece of a brass or reed instrument can improve a student's tone.

Private Lessons

Students are **strongly** encouraged to take private lessons. Private lessons are one of the most effective ways for a student to progress in their musical experience. These lessons allow students to work on a one-on-one basis with a highly qualified musician on a specific instrument. The private teachers use a variety of materials and teaching techniques to help each student with their individual needs in developing tone quality, technique, musical style, and effective practice techniques. Lessons can also help build a student's confidence in performance and help prepare them for auditions, concerts, solos, and playing tests.

Private lessons are given by our teachers in the evenings or during the day at Milford High School. The cost is typically between \$15.00 and \$20.00 for a thirty minute lesson and can be paid with funds raised through the band boosters' fairshare program (for more information see milfordbandboosters.org). Our list of private lesson teachers is attached.

Boosters

We need you, the parents, to become involved with our booster organization. Your band program could not survive without the support of this group. The Boosters are an organization that meets once a month and are in charge of finding ways to help parents and students raise money to pay for individual as well as group expenses through fundraising and fairshare events. The group also is involved in working with directors on many other aspects of the band program. Meetings are generally the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30PM. If you have any questions regarding the boosters, please contact the Band Booster President, Tony Brewer (575-0818). Please become a member, regardless of the ensemble(s) in which your son/daughter participates.

Communication and Information

A vital part of the band and band booster communications involves the band booster website <www.milfordbandboosters.org>. Please check this website often, as it contains relevant information including calendars, booster contacts and fundraising. By going to the contact page on the booster website, you will be able to subscribe to booster emails that contain important information about fundraising, itineraries, and other information. You may also keep up with grades, assignments, and other class information through the schools Edline website.

Lastly, you need to fill out and return the last page of this packet with your private lesson information and signed agreement form. This will count as your first grade in concert band. Thank you and I look forward to an outstanding year working with you in the Milford High School Concert Band!

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August 2, 2011

2012-2013 Milford High School Band Members and Parents:

In an effort to avoid conflicts with our 2012 band camp dates, we are notifying you of these dates and times now. ***DO NOT schedule vacations, dental appointments, doctor appointments, etc. during these times.*** It is essential that all students are in attendance during these designated times. Therefore, our present Eighth Grade Band members need to be aware of these dates. You should plan on participating in marching band activities from the last week of July until the start of school. All members must be at **all** rehearsals.

Sincerely,

John Espy, Brian Brown, Paul Schrameck,

2012 Dates

New Marcher Clinics

Thursday, May 24 and Tuesday, May 29

2:30 - 4 PM (High School Bandroom)

2012 Band Camp Dates and Times:

Thursday, May 31 (Mini-Music Camp)

9 AM - Noon

Monday and Tuesday, July 30-31

12:30 PM - 3 PM (New marchers only)

Wednesday, August 1 - Friday, August 3

12:30 PM - 3 PM (Music rehearsals)

Monday, August 6 - Tuesday, August 7

9 AM - 5 PM

Wednesday, August 8 - Thursday, August 9

8:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Friday, August 10

9 AM - Noon

Monday, August 13 - Wednesday, August 15

8:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Thursday, August 16

8:30 - 5PM

Post-Band Camp Dates and Times:

Monday, August 20 – Friday, August 24

Rehearsals TBA

- There will be regularly scheduled marching band rehearsal three times per week once school starts until mid-November. Days of the week and times are TBA.

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Private Lesson Teacher List

revised 8/22/11

FLUTE	Lindsay Leach	(412)849-2102
FLUTE	Evelien Woolard	607-5888
OBOE	Lorraine Dorsey	347-3486
BASSOON	Kristen Canova	505-0062
BASSOON	Bill Jobert	594-3498
CLARINET	Miriam Culley	891-7430
SAXOPHONE	JD Little	(940)395-6770
SAXOPHONE	Matt Chandler	(502)235-7282
TRUMPET	Adrienne Doctor	(412)965-0669
TRUMPET	Wes Woolard	706-0502
FRENCH HORN	Rachel Hockenberry	(540)336-3369
FRENCH HORN	Ben Flanders	531-2177
TROMBONE/BARITONE	Andrew Peoples	407-2345
TUBA/BARITONE	Anthony Lazzeri	(614)499-1360
PERCUSSION	Erica Drake	(541)520-9400
PERCUSSION	Heather Brown	(513)295-7739

Milford High School Concert Band

2011-2012 Calendar

November

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| Monday | 28 | District 14 Honor Band Auditions - Princeton HS |
| Tuesday | 29 | Pep Band Rehearsal (Concert Band Members Required) - 2:15 - 4:30PM |

December

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| Thursday | 1 | Full CB Rehearsal w/ Percussion 2:30 - 4:30 PM |
| Friday | 2 | Pep Band Rehearsal (Concert Band Members Required) - 2:15 - 4:30PM |
| Tuesday | 6 | Full CB Rehearsal w/ Percussion 2:30 - 4:30 PM |
| Thursday | 8 | Milford Junior High Band Concert - 7 PM @ MJHS Gym |
| Monday | 12 | Concert and Symphonic Band Concert - 7 PM |
| Monday | 19 | Concert Requirement Critique/Analysis Paper Due |

January

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| Tuesday | 3 | District 14 Honor Band Rehearsal - Princeton HS |
| Fri.-Sun. | 6-8 | OMEA District 14 Honor Band - Princeton HS |
| Tuesday | 17 | Overture Competition |

February

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| Tuesday | 7 | Solo and Ensemble Recital - 7 PM in Band room |
| Saturday | 11 | HS Solo and Ensemble (materials will be due before holiday break) |
| Tuesday | 21 | Full CB Rehearsal 2:30 - 5 PM (possible clinician day) |
| Thursday | 23 | Full CB Rehearsal 2:30 - 5 PM (possible clinician day) |
| Tuesday | 28 | Full CB Rehearsal 2:30 - 5 PM |

March

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| Thursday | 1 | Full CB Rehearsal 2:30 - 5 PM |
| Tuesday | 6 | Concert and Symphonic Band Concert - 7 PM |
| Fri. or Sat. | 9/10 | OMEA District 14 Large Group Contest (location TBA) |
| Thursday | 15 | Junior High Concert - 7 PM |
| Saturday | 17 | Winter Guard and Percussion Show at MHS - Times TBA |

April

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| Saturday | 21 | Jr. High Solo and Ensemble Competition (TBA) |
| Thursday | 26 | Drum Major Auditions |

Milford High School Concert Band 2011-2012 Calendar (Cont.)

May

Tuesday	8	Spring Band Concert - 7 PM
Monday	14	Concert Requirement Critique/Analysis Paper Due
Tuesday	15	Junior High Spring Concert
Wednesday	16	Recruitment Concert - In School
Fri/Sat	18/19	Junior High OMEA Large Group Concert
Monday	21	Band Awards Banquet
Tuesday	22	Parade Rehearsal (required for 2011 MB members)
Friday	25	MHS Graduation (for select CB members)
Monday	28	Memorial Day Parade/Performance (required for 2011 MB members)
Thursday	31	Mini Music Camp (Required for 2012 MB members)
Thursday	31	Frontier Days Parade (required of 2011 MB members)

June

TBA	Instrument Pick-up Day (for students using school owned instruments)
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***Please note that all concert band members are expected to participate in Basketball Pep Band. Dates will be released regarding which games students are expected participate in.**

Additional Dates to Note for 2012-13 School Year:

July 30-31	12:30-3:00pm	Rookie Camp (New Marchers Only)
August 1-3	12:30-3:30pm	Music Rehearsals
August 6-7	9-5pm	Band Camp
August 8-9	8:30am-8:30pm	Band Camp
August 10	9am - 12pm	Band Camp
August 13-15	8:30am-8:30pm	Band Camp
August 16	8:30am-5pm	Band Camp

Concert/Symphonic Band

Semester 1 & 2 Concert Requirement Assignments

Semester 1 Due Date: Monday, Dec 19, 2011

Semester 2 Due Date: Monday, May 14, 2012

Attend one classical concert or musical performance per semester outside of the Milford School District this school year (that is a total of **2** concerts you must attend this year). **One of the concerts should feature your concert instrument.** The other can be a variety of classical concerts. Examples include professional/community orchestra concerts, college concert band performances, soloist recitals, ect. Not acceptable are rock concerts, musicals, high school band concerts, marching band events. ***Do not wait until the last minute to attend a concert, as many colleges end before the end of our semesters. Late papers will not be accepted.**

A one page written critique/analysis must be turned in, along with a program from the concert attended on or before the due dates. *Programs will be returned to you at the end of the semester. Requirements for the written assignment include:

- Write a minimum of one **FULL** page (do not use up half the page with a header!)
- The paper must be **double-spaced, 1 inch margins, 12pt. Times New Roman font**
- Include comments about the following in addition to other critique you wish to add:
 - Describe the ensemble you saw
 - Discuss the ensemble's performance etiquette
 - Type of music the ensemble performed/ What were their music selections?
 - Discuss musical aspects of the performance using musical terms (include remarks about musicality, technique, articulation, style, dynamics....)
 - What did you like about the performance and **WHY**?
 - What didn't you enjoy about the performance and **WHY**?

WHERE TO LOOK FOR/FIND CONCERTS:

- 1) Cincinnati Enquirer (local section) lists daily events.
- 2) CCM website (<ccm.uc.edu>) – check the calendar. There are NUMEROUS student recitals and band concerts throughout the year, a vast majority of which are free.
- 3) Other college websites – Miami University, Wright State, NKU, ect.
- 4) Ask your private teachers or other local professional musicians. Many concerts are not publicized.
- 5) Cincinnati Symphony - <cincinnati-symphony.org>

RETURN FORM

To receive full credit for this assignment, this form must be completed and returned by Friday,
September 2.

Name _____ Instrument _____ Grade _____

Private Lessons Information:

_____ I am currently taking private lessons.

If yes, with whom: _____

_____ I am not currently taking private lessons, but I am interested in taking them.

_____ I am not currently taking private lessons and cannot take them at this time.

Please provide a reason: _____

Handbook Agreement Form:

I have thoroughly read and understand the policies, grading system, and required rehearsal/performance schedule of the Milford High School Concert Band.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

CONCERT BAND CLASS MATERIALS FORM

All concert band members will be required to have the following materials for class this year in addition to what you are previously responsible for in band. Please notate whether or not you have the following items or need to purchase them. All materials can be purchased through Buddy Rogers and will be delivered to school. Please make out a check to Buddy Rogers Music and return it to Mr. Espy for any materials needed.

Buddy Rogers Price

Reed players:

- ✓ AT LEAST 3 WORKING REEDS AT ALL TIMES

Clarinets – Vandoren size 3 ½ (unless taking lessons) \$28.25/box

Saxophones – Vandoren size 3 (unless taking lessons) \$35.15/box

Trumpet players:

- ✓ VACCHIANO STRAIGHT MUTE \$30

Already own _____ Need to purchase _____

Percussionists:

- ✓ CONCERT SNARE STICKS (preferred brand- vic firth SD1 general) \$8

Already own _____ Need to purchase _____