



Century Concert Band

Course Information & Program Expectations

2019 – 2020

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Century Panther Bands

We are excited to have you as a member of the Century Panther Band program and look forward to being a part of your high school experience and helping you grow musically.

Information regarding the Century Panther Bands (including a copy of this document) can be found on the Century Panther Band (CPB) website.

www.centurypanthers.org → Activities → Panther Bands

If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding your student's work/progress or the band program in general, please do not hesitate to contact me throughout the year. I also encourage you to check in with your student as we work together to continue developing their skills in the areas of responsibility, self-advocacy, and problem solving.

Grading / Assessment

Attendance

Daily

Concert band is a performance-based course that relies on each individual member consistently contributing to the growth of the ensemble. The quality of our rehearsals and work in class determines the quality of our performances. Students are expected to attend daily class, with their instrument in working condition, and put forth their best effort. Unexcused absences and refusal to participate will impact the student's ability to contribute to the ensemble and impact the student's grade.

Since our rehearsals depend on the collective efforts of the group, it is not always possible to recreate the musical experience that was created in a rehearsal/class; however, students are held responsible for material missed due to an excused absence. On the first day back following an absence, the student should check in with the director (before or after class) for any assigned work.



Concert Band meets during 1st period. Students should be ready to begin class promptly after the bell rings (7:40am) with instrument assembled and sheet music/pencil on stands.

Performance

Attendance at all scheduled performances is required and expected. Again, each member plays an important role in the collective success of the ensemble. Any absences not approved in advance by the director will impact the student's grade, as well as the achievement of the full ensemble.

Concert Band will perform on Monday, November 25, 2019, (with the Century Jazz Band) and Tuesday, May 19, 2020 (with the Century Symphonic Winds). Concerts begin at 7:30pm in the Century Auditorium. Students enrolled in Concert Band will also perform with the Century Pep Band at a home basketball game in January. Additional information about this performance will be shared at a later time.

In addition to the student's daily efforts in rehearsal and performances, students will be assessed in the following areas:

Written Work

Students will have periodic written assignments regarding the elements of music. Typically this work can be completed during class time. Many practice assignments will be graded on completion whereas quizzes are graded on accuracy.

Playing Assignments

Students will demonstrate their musical understandings by completing various playing assignments, primarily scales, technique exercises, and excerpts from concert literature. Assignments will be played either in person or recorded and submitted through Google Classroom. All playing assignments are scored on a rubric addressing musical elements. While students are encouraged to prepare for their playing assignments and present their best effort, they are able to replay assignments to demonstrate greater understanding after their initial assessment of an assignment.

Other forms of assessment and opportunities to engage in the musical content will take place throughout the year from time to time. Google Classroom will be used to post assignments and students are responsible for completing their assignments in a timely manner. Students and parent/guardians may access Skyward for information on a student's current grade and assignment completion.



Materials for Coursework

Everyone

- Instrument in Working Condition (i.e. multiple working reeds, mallets/sticks, properly oiled valves)
- Pencil
- Band Folder/Sheet Music (This will be provided & assigned.)

Instrument Specific Supplies *(information also found on website)*

The supplies listed are those needed for the proper maintenance of your instrument. If you have questions or are interested in additional information (mouthpiece sizing/reed strength/etc.), please ask!

Flute

Cleaning Rod/Cloth

Clarinet

Four (or more) working reeds!

Reed Saver/guard

(holds FLAT and protects 4 reeds)

Pull-through silk handkerchief style swab

Mouthpiece Saver/guard

Cork Grease

Saxophone

Four (or more) working reeds!

Reed Saver/guard

(holds FLAT and protects 4 reeds)

Pull-through silk handkerchief style swab

(sold as clarinet accessory)

Mouthpiece Saver/guard Cork Grease

Neckstrap

Trumpet

Mouthpiece, preferably 5C or 3C

Valve Oil

Tuning Slide Grease

Polishing Cloth

French Horn

Mouthpiece, preferably MDC

Rotary Valve Oil

Tuning Slide Grease

Polishing Cloth

Trombone

Mouthpiece, preferably 6 ½ AL

Tuning Slide Grease

Slide Lubricant

Polishing Cloth

Euphonium (Baritone)

Mouthpiece

Valve Oil

Tuning Slide Grease

Polishing Cloth

Tuba

Rotary Valve Oil

Polishing Cloth

Percussion

Concert Snare Sticks, preferably SD1General



Also highly recommended for all band students

Electronic Tuner/Metronome – This can be purchased through a number of music retailers.

There are also several apps available. Recommended apps include:

TonalEnergy Tuner (\$3.99) – tuner and metronome (and much more)

ClearTune (\$3.99)

Band Tools (free) – tuner and metronome

Instrument Storage

Students will be assigned a space in the band room/music area to store their instrument during the school day. Most students will have an instrument locker/lock and the rooms where instruments are stored are secured each evening. Students are encouraged to take instruments home for practice.

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Please complete and return to Ms. Kaus by Friday, September 6, 2019.

Student Name _____

Instrument _____

Instrument Brand and Model (if known) _____

(Leave blank if school-owned)

Sign and date below in acknowledgement of receiving the Course Information & Program Expectations for Concert Band at Century High School.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date