

**Delsea Regional High School**  
**Music Department**  
**Instrumental Music I/Advanced Instrumental Music**  
**20134-2015**

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**Performances**

Wednesday, December 17th, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 13th, 6:30 PM

**Course Description**

The High School Concert Band is a performance ensemble comprised of freshmen through senior student members at varying levels of performing abilities. The Concert Band presents multiple concerts each semester and performs a wide range of literature written for the wind band. Participation in the ensemble allows for the continued growth and development of both individual and ensemble performance skills. Opportunities are also provided for the study of music in a variety of cultural and historical contexts.

**Attendance & Grades**

All students are expected to attend all classes and performances. Please follow all school policies concerning your attendance. Grading is comprised of two components, Assessments (75%) and Classwork/Participation (25%). You will complete numerous assessments throughout the year, allowing for many opportunities to succeed.

**Instruments**

If you need an instrument for class or a loaner during a repair period, please see Mr. Du Beau. Instruments are limited, but if available, you may be provided with one.

Several instruments are always available for performance. They are considered “color” instruments in many cases, as they are of instrument families we use but provide a different tone color for the ensemble. These include:

Oboe  
Bass Clarinet  
Contrabass Clarinet (new this year!)  
Bassoon  
Baritone Saxophone  
French Horn  
Euphonium  
Tuba

If you are interested in playing any of these or trying them out, please express your interest to Mr. Du Beau and you will be provided the opportunity to do so.

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**Rehearsal Expectations**

1. Be on time.
2. Arrive with individual music prepared.
3. Have a pencil.
4. Percussionists should check the board in order to set up the necessary equipment for rehearsal. Failure to be ready on time will result in a grade point reduction.
5. During the ensemble warm-up, focus on fundamentals such as balance, blend, tone quality, and intonation.
6. Observe proper rehearsal etiquette by limiting talking and maintaining focus.
7. All members should remain in rehearsal for the entire rehearsal period. Bathroom passes/nurse passes are available as needed.
8. Practice like you perform! Always perform at 100%!
9. Make music, not sounds. Music involves an emotional connection.
10. Have fun! Enjoy the process.

**Folders & Music**

Each student will be issued a folder for use over the course of the year. It is expected each student will return all music in the same condition in which it was issued. Be sure all marks are in pencil so they may be erased. Students will be assessed for any music that is lost or damaged. Fines will be submitted at the end of the year unless all music is returned.

**Attire**

Standard dress for concert performances will be concert black. Gentlemen should wear a shirt/tie combination or a black suit/tie, black socks and black shoes. Ladies should wear either a black dress or pants suit. All parts of the outfit should be black, including shoes. Dresses should be of modest length. If you have questions, please ask Mr. Du Beau **BEFORE** to December!

**Portfolios & Assessments**

Students will be submitting their scale tests via portfolio. Beginning this year, all students will be creating portfolio accounts through **Evernote** (@evernote). Evernote is a free notebook/organizational app that allows you to create notes and develop a portfolio in the cloud. A video tutorial will be provided to get everyone started. Once assessments begin, you will be assessed both on your individual performance assessments, as well as your procuring of the portfolio. As technology is required, you will need access to any of the following:

**iOS (iPhone/iPad)**

**Android (pretty much anything not iOS)**

**Desktop computer (any operating system is sufficient)**

**Chromebook/Netbook (these can be tricky, but are useable)**

If you do not have access to any of these, please see Mr. Du Beau and assistance will be provided.