

Pine Creek High School



Band Handbook

2011

MARCHING BAND/CONCERT BAND SYLLABUS

THIS CLASS IS FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS MOTIVATED TO PARTICIPATE IN MARCHING BAND AND CONCERT BAND; LEARNING THEORY, COMPOSITION AND LEARNING AND PERFORMING MUSIC.

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Materials

Instrument

Music

Drill Charts

Pencil

Flip folder

Lyre

Students are responsible for their own materials. For concert band, students will be assigned to a music folder and slot and are responsible for the music. There will be a fee involved in the case of lost music.

GRADING POLICY

30% Class Participation: Students are expected to arrive on time prepared to work. This means being in their seats ready to play by three minutes after the time the class begins. Participation also includes bringing in required forms and practicing. This also includes rehearsals scheduled for Monday nights and Saturday mornings and sectionals.

40% Performances: Students are expected to perform in competitions, football games, concerts and any other activities put forth. Performances are required to pass the class. As a member of the band you are expected to stay for the entire concert – leaving early without prior permission from a director will result in a lowered grade. I understand there might be some unavoidable illnesses that prevent you from attending a concert. If that happens your parent or guardian may write a brief letter requesting an alternative performance assignment.

15% Playing Exams: There will be playing exams throughout the semester. Students will be tested on an assigned section of music we have been playing in class.

15% Assignments: There will be written assignments throughout the course of the semester. This may include compositions, research or handwritten assignments.

Marching Band Attendance Policy

Marching band is a credit earning class through Pine Creek High School. This means that all rehearsals and performances are graded and are mandatory. Students who miss a rehearsal will receive a “0” in the gradebook. If the student is ill, I ask that the parent emails me as soon as possible to let me know why their student was not at rehearsal. The student is responsible for coming to me and asking what we worked on. Students are able to make up the “0” by coming to me and showing that he or she has learned the material from the rehearsal. At that time the grade will be changed to up to an 80 percent.

I expect students to be at rehearsal on time. To be on early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, and to be late is to be very late. Students will lose points for all tardiness to rehearsal. The points will be determined by how late the student is for rehearsal.

Marching Band Performance Dress

“Half” Uniform – Navy blue bibbers, BLACK tall socks (no ankle socks), BLACK Drillmasters, “Seasons” t-shirt (this is the last layer. You can wear other layers under the t-shirt)

Full Uniform – the above, with the uniform jacket, white gloves, gauntlets, shako and plume.

Students are expected to stay in uniform until they are instructed to change. Any time the band is together as a group, students will be wearing their PCHS “Seasons” t-shirts.

Uniform Care

The uniforms are washable. It is not necessary to wash the uniform after every wear. We will instruct students when to wash the uniforms. The uniforms stay at school on racks most of the time. We will teach the students how to properly hang the uniforms and they are responsible for the care and condition of the uniform issued to them for the season.

Performance Dress - Concert

Top: PCHS black band dress shirt

Bottoms: Black pants, black socks, black shoes. Ladies may wear skirts as long as they are below the knee.

Guidelines for Achievement

- ◆ Be on time. Please see *attendance policy*.
- ◆ Come ready and prepared to learn. We center our rehearsals on focus and drive. I run rehearsals quickly and we work efficiently.
- ◆ Respect your rights and the rights of others. I do not tolerate bullying and Pine Creek has a strict policy that we follow. Respect through the whole band is incredibly important and is the basis of our group. We are all in this together and
- ◆ Work at learning. We are always learning and always striving to get better. This is throughout the whole season.
- ◆ Ask for support. I’m here to help!! Ask!!!
- ◆ Keep a positive attitude. A good attitude helps us succeed, and drives the program. Bad attitudes will not be tolerated.