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| 2023-2024 Class Syllabus  Ms. Elalfy | |
| **What will I learn this year?** | General Music 6,7,8: Students will explore a variety of musical concepts and skills to develop a well-rounded understanding of music. The curriculum is designed to be engaging and inclusive, catering to students with varying levels of musical experience. The goal of a middle school general music class is to provide students with a foundation in music that not only enhances their musical abilities but also fosters an appreciation for the diverse world of music. Topics we will cover include: Music History and Styles, Musical Literacy, Basic Music Theory, and Vocal and Instrumental Exploration!  Chorus 6,7,8: Students will embark on a musical journey designed to cultivate their vocal skills, musical understanding, and ensemble performance abilities. Throughout the semester, students will delve into the fundamentals of choral singing, exploring various vocal techniques, and building a repertoire of diverse musical genres. The curriculum will cover essential aspects of music theory, including notation, rhythm, and harmony, fostering a solid foundation for musical literacy. Beyond the technical aspects, students will develop an appreciation for different musical styles and historical contexts, broadening their understanding of the rich tapestry of choral music.  General Music and Chorus courses will use the standards located at the NC DPI CTE Website at [pi.nc.gov/documents/cte/curriculum/healthfulliving/new standards/arts/music/essential-standards-music-k-8/open](pi.nc.gov/documents/cte/curriculum/healthfulliving/new-standards/arts/music/essential-standards-music-k-8/open)  The International Baccalaureate curriculum supports and enhances the Common Core and Essential Standards. AVID best practices provide strategies to empower all students to access the curriculum.  More information about standards is available on the Onslow County Schools website at <http://onslowcounty.schoolinsites.com/> |
| **What are the behavior expectations?** | * **Be Respectful.** Be engaged and ready to participate. Accept directions, feedback or corrections from staff by listening and asking appropriate questions. Respect others’ right to learn. Raise your hand to participate in whole class activities or to get my attention. I will also raise my hand as a signal that I need everyone to stop, look and listen to my directions. Value the property of others and the classroom property. * **Be Responsible**. Arrive on time. Be prepared for instruction with all necessary materials. Leave your area clean and free of trash. * **Be Safe.** Use materials only as instructed. * **Be Clean**. No Eating in the classroom. Make sure you clean up after yourself. Put materials back when done using. Leave your area clean and free of trash. * **Be Kind.** Bullying, cursing, and name calling are NOT allowed. |
| **Are there any school wide and classroom policies/procedures I need to know?** | As a school, we follow PBIS procedures that have been established school wide. Inside each classroom you will follow the individual teacher’s guidelines.  As a school policy, when a teacher or staff member raises his or her hand, you will follow the teacher’s example by raising your hand and being silent. |
| **What consequences should I expect if I don’t follow class procedures?** | All students are expected to follow the NWPMS Student Handbook.  **Green**: All students will start on green with a clean slate each day in each class period.  **Blue**: Student will receive a verbal reminder to stop inappropriate behavior and get on task.  **Yellow**: Student will sit in an alternate seat within the classroom for 10-15 minutes to “get it together” before rejoining the class.  **Orange:** Student will sit in an alternate seat within the classroom for the remainder of the class period. Communication with the parent will result.  Behavior that is disruptive to the learning environment, results in a safety hazard, or is chronic in nature may result in a discipline referral to the administration. See Student Handbook for additional information regarding inappropriate behavior. |
| **How should I save my assignments and projects when using technology?** | All students will have an Office 365 account that you can access from any computer at home or at school. You will save all of your work to your Office 365 account. Students may not use the Student Share or a USB drive due to the lack of security with those two options. |

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| **Will homework be assigned in this class?** | Charge your laptop every night.  If classwork wasn’t turned in by the end of class, it turns into homework.  Students may expect homework assignments that support classroom instruction. |
| **What kind of assignments can I expect?** | General Music: students will be tasked with assignments that range from research based, writing based, video based, and crossword-based assignments.  Chorus: students will be tasked with singing assessment, participation, and sightreading assignments. |
| **What do I need to do if I am absent?** | Students have five school days to make up missed assignments for full credit due to an excused absence as defined by OCS BOE policy. See pages 8-9 in the NWPMS Student Handbook for additional information on attendance and what is considered an excused absence. |
| **What is the grading policy for this class?** | **Grading Scale**  **A: 90-100 B: 80-89 C: 70-79 D: 60-69 F: Below 59**  Assignments turned in:   * On time eligible for full credit * Up to 5 days late partial credit * After 5 days maximum grade of 40 |
| **What supplies will I need to be successful?** | Fully charged 1:1 laptop every day (do not bring chargers to school).  General Music: Spiral Notebook (Single Subject – 70 pages) or 1” binder with paper, Pencil/Pen.  Chorus: Black 0.5” or 1” binder and a pencil. |
| **What type of textbook will I use?** | Textbooks will not be assigned to students for this class. |
| **Are there other places to go in order to find class information?** | Students and parents can visit the school website anytime for additional information. This website will provide you with upcoming events at our school, such as; dances, fundraisers, sporting events, etc.  The web address is: northwoodspark.nc.ocm.schoolinsites.com |