Ms. Boutiette’s Music Department Syllabus

2018-2019 School Year

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the music program at Spring View Middle School. I am so pleased that you have decided to participate in the 2018-2019 school year! Below will explain what to expect in this coming academic year and what you will be responsible for in order to be successful in one of Ms. Boutiette’s music classes.

At Spring View Middle School we offer multiple music classes to fit the needs of our students. These courses will provide experiences in instrumental and vocal music, including participation in a variety of performances. ***Members will be required to participate in several evening and weekend concerts.*** A schedule with concert dates and times for this year will be sent home sometime next week and will be available at Back to School Night. ***PLEASE MARK THESE CONCERT DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!*** The classes will be exposed to an assortment of musical compositions, concepts, and cultures. The classes are as follows:

* Concert Band – for band students with 0-2 years of experience
* Symphonic Band – for band students with 2-3 years of experience (8th only)
* Jazz Band – auditioned group for experienced students
* Advanced Orchestra – for all string students
* Choir – for all vocal students

**Student Conduct**

 In all of the music classes offered at Spring View Middle School, the students are expected to uphold the same classroom conduct.

1. All students are expected to enter the classroom quietly, set up their instrument, and be seated in their assigned seats***. All students must be seated and ready to start class 3 minutes after the tardy bell rings, but must also be in the classroom before the tardy bell rings.*** Students will earn full participation points by following these procedures!
2. **Students are expected to bring their materials to class *EVERYDAY***. This includes their music, instrument, a pencil, and music supplies. **Students who are prepared for class will earn full participation points!** If a student does not have their materials for the day or is unable to play/sing, they will be given an alternate assignment for the class period.
3. *Please be responsible for your own instrument/voice!*
4. **When the conductor steps on the podium or stops the groups, students should be quiet and ready to listen for instructions.**
5. At the end of rehearsal, students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and putting their instruments, chairs, and stands away properly.
6. All students are expected to practice outside of class. Just like any other class, music requires time spent at home working in order to be successful in the subject.
7. ***NO FOOD, DRINK, OR GUM IS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM EXCEPT FOR WATER!***

**Concert Attire**

All Spring View Middle School music students will be expected to wear black bottoms and a white top to performances. Please pair the black bottoms with black socks and shoes. The white tops should be plain white without any logos and the bottoms must be knee length or longer. If students choose to wear a black skirt, please wear black tights underneath.

**Grading Policy**

Student grades will be determined by their success in the following four categories:

* Performance Participation (mandatory) 30%
* Homework (Practice Records) 20%
* Individual playing/written tests 30%
* Classroom participation 20%

Practice at home is expected in order to be successful! A practice record with instructions for practice will be handed out early next week and also will be available for download on Schoology. Forgotten instruments and music will heavily impact class participation grades.

**Class Supplies**

1. Each student will be expected to keep their music in a ½ inch BINDER with sheet protectors (choir does not need sheet protectors) dedicated to just music. We have a limited supply of these items for students who need them. There will be a place in the music room to store these binders. An organized binder is very important for your student’s success!
2. Each student will also need to make sure that they have the correct supplies for their instrument:

Instrument Supplies (provided by parent):

* FLUTE: a small cleaning cloth
* CLARINET/ SAXOPHONE / BASSOON / OBOE: **AT LEAST THREE PLAYABLE REEDS**, cork grease, and a swab
* FRENCH HORN: rotary oil, mouthpiece brush, slide grease
* TRUMPET/BARITONE/TUBA: valve oil, mouthpiece brush, slide grease
* TROMBONE: slide cream or oil, mouthpiece brush
* PERCUSSION: drum sticks, practice pad for home practice
* STRING INSTRUMENTS: rosin, shoulder pad (violins/violas)

*\*These supplies are vital for the correct maintenance of your student’s instrument. If your family is unable to obtain these supplies, please let Ms. B know, and she will provide them for you. Please know that she has a very limited supply.\**

1. **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A PENCIL IN EVERY REHEARSAL.** We will use them in class on a regular basis. Students may also choose to use dry erase pens on their sheet protectors to mark their music IN ADDITION to having a pencil! A pencil pocket in your binder is highly recommended!

**Online Platforms**

This year in music we will be using a variety of online platforms and technology resources in the music classroom. Below is information on each platform and how to access them. Please take a moment to register for each one before Wednesday, August 22nd.

1. Schoology – Please see instructions distributed by the front office to register for Schoology. Both students and parents should have access to this platform.
2. Flipgrid – Flipgrid is a website that will allow you to make a video of yourself playing your instrument or singing to submit as a playing test. You will find your first Flipgrid assignment on Schoology with a link to the website. You must log on with your school email to gain access. Flip Code: springviewmusic2018.
3. Remind – This year we will be using Remind as a way to communicate important information to parents! This website will allow Ms. B to send short reminders to parents via text message regarding concerts, fundraisers, due dates, and 0 Period schedules. Parents please sign up for your Remind thread using the links below:
	1. Advanced Orchestra: <https://www.remind.com/join/3hh38>
	2. Symphonic Band: <https://www.remind.com/join/cboutie>
	3. Jazz Band: <https://www.remind.com/join/8ck942d>
	4. Concert Band: <https://www.remind.com/join/e333cg4>
	5. Choir: <https://www.remind.com/join/4kch748>

**PARENTS: The last page of this packet is a parent signature page that indicates you have reviewed this syllabus with your child and understand all of the expectations of this class. Please return the signature page with your student by Wednesday, August 22nd.**

I am very excited to start this school year with Spring View Middle School! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Thank you,

**Ms. Celia Boutiette**

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**Parent/Student Signature Form**

In order to ensure that parents and students are aware of what is expected in this class we ask that you please sign this form and return it with your student after you have read over the class syllabus. Please returned this signed page with your child by Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018.

Student Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parents: Please visit the link for your student’s class below to fill out a very short google form that will provide an electronic version of your contact information for the year. This google form includes information regarding volunteer opportunities for the year. There is also a link to the form on Schoology. It is VERY IMPORTANT that I have everyone’s contact information for the year so that you don’t miss any communications!**

**Advanced Orchestra:** [**https://goo.gl/forms/w8CYkRvVXaI7CITL2**](https://goo.gl/forms/w8CYkRvVXaI7CITL2)

**Symphonic Band:** [**https://goo.gl/forms/YNABn7RImKXbRtGB2**](https://goo.gl/forms/YNABn7RImKXbRtGB2)

**Jazz Band:** [**https://goo.gl/forms/WJwMLUMYdczXGpoJ3**](https://goo.gl/forms/WJwMLUMYdczXGpoJ3)

**Concert Band:** [**https://goo.gl/forms/Yl8KYyWQ3TXxEcsU2**](https://goo.gl/forms/Yl8KYyWQ3TXxEcsU2)

**Choir:** [**https://goo.gl/forms/iQgYnRiyT46RpoDH2**](https://goo.gl/forms/iQgYnRiyT46RpoDH2)