

Laval Liberty Music Concentration 2013-2014

Goals of the music programme

At LLHS we hope to increase the satisfaction that students derive from music by enabling them to understand and enjoy the complexities of ensemble music through performing in a concert band. (A concert band is made up of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments). Music Concentration students are expected to pursue excellence and to become outstanding school citizens by participating in events organised throughout the year. Students will develop the techniques, knowledge and discipline of a performing musician in order to better understand music and its role in our lives.

Objectives

- To be able to read sheet music
- To be able to reproduce the music on an instrument with a pleasant tone and a good sense of rhythm while demonstrating an understanding of the composer`s intention
- To be able to follow the rules of ensemble playing in order to join with others to produce a musical performance
- To be able to make a musical judgement using the various elements of musical language and structure.

Evaluation

Creates Musical Works 20%

Performs Musical Works 50%

Appreciates Musical Works 30%

Evaluations will include any/all of the following :-

- Written exercises on reading and writing music
- Research project on musical styles
- Individual performance
- Group performance (School concert, sectional work in class)
- Participation in class – marks will be deducted for non justified absences (Please see school agenda)

Expectations

Each student must:

- Follow classroom rules regarding use of equipment
- Cooperate with the teacher and other students
- Be an active learner and participant both in class and in other musical activities

Activities

- School concerts
- Concert for Senior Citizens
- Tour of the elementary schools
- Trip to Montreal Symphony Orchestra/Opera
- In-school sports events
- Musical Production in conjunction with Theatre and Art students
- Capitol Region MusicFest
- Drumline (This activity is optional)

Special remarks

- Attendance – a perfect attendance record is essential to success in Music Concentration. (It is impossible to make up the work of a music class at home on your own!). Grades will be adversely affected by excessive absences.
- Marks will be deducted for non-justified absences from Concentration Music Activities.
- Practising the chosen instrument at home is essential to the pursuit of excellence! Students must keep a practice journal which will be checked periodically and are expected to practise at home a *minimum* of 30 minutes a week.
- *Each student must come to the music room at lunch time to practise at least once during each 9-day cycle.*
- Students will require formal concert dress – the Music Concentration band shirt, black pants or knee length skirt and nylons and black shoes.

I hope you will enjoy your year in music!

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Student name _____

Parent signature _____

Parent's e-mail (optional) _____