

Laval Liberty Music 2014-2015

Goal:

The purpose of Music class is to give students the experience of learning to play a wind instrument and perform in a Wind Band. Students will develop the techniques, knowledge and discipline required of a performing musician in order to better understand music and its role in our lives.

Objectives

- To be able to **read music**, not only play by ear, in order to develop independence as musicians;
- To be able to **play** the music on an instrument with a pleasant tone and a good sense of rhythm while demonstrating an understanding of how we use music to communicate;
- To be able to follow the rules of ensemble playing and **cooperate** in order to contribute to a musical performance;
- To be able to **identify** the various elements of musical language and to **make connections** with performance and listening work done in class.

Evaluation

Performs and Creates Musical Works 70%

Appreciates Musical Works 30%

Evaluations will include any/all of the following:-

- In class assignments on reading and writing music
- Research project on musical styles
- Individual performance
- Group performance (School concerts, sectional work in class)
- Participation in class.

Expectations

Attendance:

- A minimum of 75% attendance is required in order to be evaluated at the end of term and/or participate in the school concert.
- Unjustified absences from evaluations result in a Zero grade.
- It is the student's responsibility to catch up on any assignments or evaluations they missed following a Justified absence
- Notice must be given **in advance** if the student is unable to perform in the school concert. No excuses will be accepted afterwards.

Behaviour:

Unlike for other subjects, students in music class must work together **all the time**. Disruptive behaviour including bad language, failure to stay in one's assigned seat, excessive talking, cell phone use, will not be tolerated – students will be sent out of class and marks will be deducted from the Participation grade.

In addition students must:

- Follow classroom rules regarding use of equipment to ensure good hygiene and orderliness;
- Be an active learner and participant both in class and in school concerts.

Materials:

All materials and equipment except for the student workbook belong to the Music Department and must be paid for if lost or broken.

Students are allowed to borrow instruments to practise at home but must sign the loan sheet and return the instrument to school the following day.

Remediation/ Practice:

Students taking music for the first time must attend remediation in the month of September in order to catch up to the level expected for the group.

Students are encouraged to come to the music room at lunch times to practise their instrument.

Elaine Thomas - Music Teacher

Student name _____

Parent signature _____

Parent's e-mail

(optional) _____