

MUSIC APPRECIATION SYLLABUS- 2018-2019

Welcome to parents and students for our new school year. This is my 21st year at Berean and I am still excited and anticipating the new school year. We love music here at Berean and we pray that your students will grow to love it more than ever after taking this class.

The BCHS Music Program has a place for everyone, regardless of grade level or previous music experience. The only requirement is that you show a sincere commitment to learning and an attitude of respect and cooperation. We want to build both the love and knowledge of music.

Learning Objectives - The Music Appreciation class is a unique opportunity for the student to learn about music through the culture of the people throughout the ages. They will learn to identify elements in music which define style and genre and students will develop an awareness that culture is the guiding force behind each era and style of music.

They will be able to define historical periods of Western Classical Music. Composers will be seen as real people as we study their music and learn about their lives. We will also examine the historical context of pieces by examining the art, architecture, as well as social, political and economic conditions of each composer's era. Listening to music for each era will complete our study of the art of music. The history of Rock and Roll will be enjoyed during the last quarter.

Grading will be based on the following criteria

Attendance and Participation- It is vital that each student listens and participates in discussions. Note-taking will be graded, as well as the student's willingness to participate in class discussions. Consequences of poor notes and participation will result in a loss of weekly participation points.

Class projects - Each quarter the student will have one or more poster projects or PowerPoint projects that will coincide with each era of music. They will also give an oral report for each era's project.

Concert attendance - Even though Music App. is not a performing art's group, per se, they are to attend all concerts through the year. They are receiving performing art's credit - the same credit as the choirs. Music Appreciation will have a performance of some kind in the last concert of the year. We will plan and rehearse for this during the second semester. The music appreciation class always does a great job at the Spring Concert. They will surprise you.

December 7, Friday, Christmas Concert. 7 pm in the gym. Music app. class needs to attend.

April 26 and 27- Friday at 7 pm and Saturday in the gym at 4 pm - Spring Musical.

Music app. students need to attend one performance.

May 10 and 11, Friday and Saturday, 7:00, gym. Choirs, Guitar, and Music Appreciation Class will participate in the Spring Concert.

Goals for the musical year

Quarter 1 - Ancient Music, Greek music philosophy and practices through the Medieval. The Renaissance Era will begin.

Quarter 2 - Continuation of the Renaissance through the first part of the Baroque Era.

Quarter 3 - Middle to the end of the Baroque Era through the Classic Era.

Quarter 4 - Romantic through the Twentieth Century. Early Blues, Rock and Roll, and Jazz.
Preparation for the Spring Concert.

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