9/6/18

Dear Parents,

First of all, I would like to thank you for allowing your student to be a part of the JMS Music Program. I have planned an exciting and educational year for everyone. To ensure the success of your student and all groups, it is important that we are all on the same page. In your student's packet, you will find everything to start the year right. The packet includes the 2018 – 2019 contract, tentative performance calendar, grading rubrics, what you need for band and or chorus, different ways to earn points in music, how to log on and enroll into the etusd music site and donation form. Finally, I want everyone to understand that it takes **dedication** and **commitment** from both student and parents to help make this year the best. If you have any questions, you can email me at Gelbaum.David@tusd.org or call me at 310-533-4794 ext. 8501, or 310-809-9368. Thank you in advance for your help.

Respectfully,

Mr. Gelbaum



JMS MUSIC 2018 – 2019 CLASS CONTRACT

GOALS

Through the making of music, all participants in the Jefferson music program will work towards the following musical and non-musical goals:

1. Commitment to yourself and the Jefferson Music Program.
2. Following Directions, **Respect** Yourself, **Respect** Other Musicians and **Respect** Your and Others Instruments.
3. Use Your **Ears** to listen to the director, student's comments and a variety of different types of music.
4. Learn how to Practice Correctly
5. Help Make Your **Team** better.

RULES & PROCEDURES

1. Line up outside in your correct line before the tardy bell rings.
2. Come into class **quickly** and **quietly**, set up and look at the agenda.
2. **Be prepared** with your **Instrument, Music, Pencil & Planner**.
3. During class, you keep your **mouths closed** and **ears open**.
4. Raise your hand if you have any questions.
5. You will be tardy if you are not lined up before the tardy bell rings.
6. **Respect yourself, other students and instruments**.
7. **Water** is the only drink allowed in class. **Food, Gum and Mints are not allowed at all.**

CONSEQUENCES

1. 3 Tardies = Detention – SCHOOL POLICY
2. 6 Tardies = Detention and a U Citizenship Grade – SCHOOL POLICY
3. Misbehaving in class will result in putting your instrument away, sitting away from the class and participation points being taken away. **This is your warning.**
4. Continuous misbehavior will result in a parent phone call or email.
5. If needed, we will have a parent conference to discuss what needs to be done to ensure your success.
6. If you are not a percussionist (play the drums or anything else you hit) **don't hit the drums** or you will receive after school detention.

Homework

In music, homework is called practice. It is an important part of improving on your instrument. You will be required to practice at least 20 minutes at least 4 times a week. Every week you will reflect on how your practice went, good and bad and what you will improve for the next week.

GRADES

Grades will be given on a quarterly basis. Achievement grades will be earned through participation in class, practice at home, written assignments, tests **and All Mandatory Performances.** Effort and Citizenship grades will be earned through bringing all materials to class, participation and behavior.

RESTROOM/LEAVING DURING CLASS

Students will receive a tardy if they need to use the restroom. They have before school, nutrition and lunch to use the facilities. Students will not be allowed to go to their locker during class.

SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS

Mr. Gelbaum, Jefferson Middle School and the Torrance Unified School District expect to get the instruments back in the same condition that they were given to at the beginning of the year.
It is the student and family's responsibility to keep the instrument in proper working order.
This includes having the correct cleaning material for the instrument and any repairs that need to be done during the school year.

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I _____ understand the 2018 – 2019 JMS Music contract. I promise to
Student's First and Last Name

adhere to all of the rules, procedures and consequences set forth by Mr. Gelbaum and the class.

_____ _____
STUDENT'S SIGNATURE PARENT'S SIGNATURE

_____ _____
DAY TIME PHONE # CELL PHONE # OR #'S

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Parent's e -mail

Return this page by Friday, September 14, 2018
This Contract is worth – 40pts.

What You Need For Band/Chorus

Uniform – Black Polo Shirt (Given By Mr. Gelbaum), Black Pants – No Jeans, Skirts, Dresses, Leggings (NO EXCEPTIONS), Black Shoes

Book - Beginning Band – Making Music Matter Book 1 – JW Pepper

Advanced Band - Tradition of Excellence – Technique & Musicianship – JW Pepper

Chorus – Essential Musicianship for Choir – Book 1 – JW Pepper

Flutes – Rag, Small Screwdriver and key oil

Oboe,Bassoon,Clarinet,Saxophone – Reeds(at least 3 working reeds – Van Doren or Mitchell Lurie), Reed Case, Small Screwdriver, Cotton Swab or Pad Saver and key oil.

Trombone – Slide Cream, Tuning Slide Cream, Rag, small spray bottle, mouth piece brush, trombone snake.

All Other Brass – Valve Oil, Tuning Slide Cream, mouth piece brush, valve brush, rag.

Percussion – Beginning Band - Drum Kit – This should include sticks, pad and bell set.

Advanced Band – Stick Bag

All Musicians – 3 ring binder ½ inch **(BLACK For Band)**, any color for chorus, plastic inserts, pencil (no pen!!!!!)

MUSIC STORES

Music and Arts (Stephanie Salgado) – (562) 896-3220

SAM ASH – (310) 214-0340

Bellflower Music - (888) 988-6907

Amuse – (310) 377-7838

Opus Music – (310) 618-1185

If there is an issue getting any of these materials financially or other, please contact me at Gelbaum.David@tusd.org or call me at 310-809-9368

How To Log In and Enroll in etusd

Etusd is an internet tool that most teachers at Jefferson and surrounding schools use. The students need to enroll in the music section to be able to see and participate in this part of the class. We will be utilizing etusd a lot throughout the year. There will be assignments, discussion forums and links to outside resources to name a few. Below, you will find step by step instructions on how to enroll. Every student needs to enroll onto etusd. If your family does not have a computer, the Jefferson library is a good resource for computers, I also don't mind allowing students to use my computer if needed.

1) Go to etusd.org
2) Type in your username and password.
   The Username is your student id
   The Password is your student id plus the 2 capital letters. Just like logging onto the computer.
3) Go to all courses on the bottom right section of the screen.
4) Go to Jefferson.
5) Go to Music – Gelbaum, Jefferson, MS
6) Type in enrollment key.
   Beginning Band – period2
   Advanced Band – period3
   Chorus – chorus
7) You should be enrolled in the music section.

Donation Form

The JMS music program utilizes funds for many things. In order to make the music program work, we need money. The goal for this year is $100 per student. To help raise these funds, I have created three options. The first option is a straight donation. The second option is a payment plan. The third option is fundraising. Below, you will find an itemized budget of how the money will be divided up. This is based on $100 per student. If you choose to make a straight donation of $100, your student will receive a **Free JMS Music Spirit Shirt.**

JMS Music Budget

Band/Chorus
Music Uniforms - $2000
Spirit Shirts - $1000
Music - $1000

Band
Instrument Repairs - $1000
Midwest Music Conference - $1500
Supplies - $1500
Smart Music Accounts - $1000

Chorus
Piano Accompanist - $2,500
Musical - $3,500

Total - $15,000

Please fill out the form below. If you are writing a check, make it payable to **Jefferson Middle School.** Turn the form and money in by Tuesday, September 18. Thank you for your help.

_____ _____
Student's Name Parent's Name

Please circle the option you would like to do.

Full Payment Payment Plan Fundraise
September 18 - $50, October 16 - $50

2018 - 2019 JMS MUSIC PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

September 6 - First Day of School

September 10 – **Binder** and **Pencil** due, Instrument for Advanced Band due

September 14 – **Contract Due**

September 17 – Music Dept. Parent Meeting – 7pm in the Cafe

September 18 – Donation Form and Money Due

September 25 – Books and Instrument/ Materials Due

December 17 – JMS Music Program Holiday Concert – 6:00p.m. – Chorus, 8:00p.m. - Band

March 5 – West Area Choral Festival – Advanced Chorus

April 11 – 14 – Possible Trip to San Francisco – Advanced Band, Advanced Chorus

April 26 – Forum Music Festival – Knott's Berry Farm

May 14 – West Area Band Festival – Advanced Band

May 28 – Spring Concert – All Groups

June 12/13 – Spring Musical

This is a tentative schedule. Performances dates and times could change. If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at gelbaum.david@tusd.org or call/text me at 310-809-9368 or leave a message at 310-533-4794 ext.8501.

GRADES IN MUSIC CLASS.

A – Participate every day in class. Turn in practice/planning sheets and practice. Pass tests. Have a positive attitude. Attend Concerts.

B - Participate most of the time in class. Turn in practice/planning sheets and practice. Pass tests. Have a positive attitude. Attend Concerts.

C – Participate most of the time in class. Turn in most practice and planning sheets and practice. Pass most tests. Have a positive attitude most of the time. Attend Concerts.

D – Participate half the time in class. Missing a lot of practice/planning sheets. Not passing a lot of tests. Not having a positive attitude. Attend Concerts.

F – Earning an **F** in music is very difficult to do. You basically don't do anything in class, don't turn anything in and miss concerts.

Performances – All Performances are mandatory. If you do not go, your grade will be lowered by 2 grades. For example, if you have an A on parent connect, it will go down to a C.