

OBJECTIVE

The Instrumental Program at Concord-Carlisle High School provides a comprehensive musical experience for its' students, with an emphasis on Concert, Solo and Chamber Ensemble performances. Ensembles include Orchestra, Concert Band, Repertory Band, Jazz Bands and Pep Band, all of which perform throughout the year at various school, local and state events. With the support from our parents, community and administration, the goal of the Concord-Carlisle High School Instrumental Music will be focused on quality music making while instilling a life-long appreciation for music and the arts.

PERFORMANCES and REHEARSALS

All performances and dress rehearsals are mandatory. Outside and extra rehearsals and performances are a continuation of what we do in class. Only in the event of a death in the family or a serious illness will a performance be excused. An unexcused absence from a dress rehearsal or performance will result in the grade no higher than a "C" for the term. If you would like to request an excused absence from an activity of any type, fill out an "absence request" form. All forms must be turned in for approval/disapproval no later than 3 days before an activity.

QUARTER 1 GRADING

- **Rehearsal Activities (50%)** Grade is based on the Classroom Expectations below.
- **Concert November 10th (20%)** Grade is based on punctuality, attendance and performance.
- **Playing Test (20%)** Grade is based on your preparation and performance of assigned material for seating placements in October. More details later this month.
- **Quarter One Project (10%) Scales and Rhythm Sheet Assignments (TBD)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Schedule is subject to change.

Please check emails, website and the Instrumental Google Calendar for updates.

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(PB= Pep Band O= Orchestra RB= Repertory Band CB= Concert Band JB= Jazz Band A PO= Pit Orchestra)

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Pep Band Rehearsal, Band Room (7-9pm) **PB**
- 11 Band/Orchestra Genevieve Fundraiser Begins
- 17 Pep Band Rehearsal, Band Room, (7-9pm) **PB**
- 18 Pep Band Football, HOME GAME #1 (5:30-9pm) **PB**
- 25 Band/Orchestra Genevieve Fundraiser Ends

OCTOBER

- 8 Pep Band Rehearsal with CMS/CPS (6:30-8pm) **PB**
- 9 Pep Band Football, HOME GAME #2 (5-9pm) **MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT PB**
- 22 Pep Band Rehearsal, Band Room, (7-8pm) **PB**
- 25 Pep Band at Crop Walk for Hunger (1-2:30pm) **PB**
- 30 Play-offs begin (Pep Band Schedule TBD) **PB**
*** Pep Band members should be prepared to have games on 10/30, 11/6 an 11/13**

NOVEMBER

- 1 **Hokkaido Concert (3pm Concert) * Required of all Instrumental Students**
This is an all-day event, with rehearsals, social events and a Concert. Concert Band is performing a world premier composition with the Longmeadow High School Chorus to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Massachusetts-Hokkaido sister-state relationship. Japanese ensembles from around the state will also be performing. Orchestra and Repertory Band members are expected to attend the concert only.
- 10 Instrumental Concert 7pm (**O, JB, RB**) **No Concert Band**
- 11 Veterans' Day Trumpeters (8-10am)
- 21 ED-MMEA Senior District Auditions, Time and Venue TBA
- 26 Pep Band Breakfast and Football HOME vs. Bedford (7am-12noon) **PB**

DECEMBER

- 15 Instrumental WINTER CONCERT, Auditorium (7pm) **Snow Date 12/22 (O, JB, RB, CB)**
- 23 In-School Holiday Assembly, Times TBA **CB**

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. **It is customary that when a conductor steps on the podium, there is immediate silence.**
2. **Be on time** to class and all band and orchestra related activities.
3. **BE PREPARED!!** This includes having instrument, music, pencil, reeds, rosin, valve/slide oil and other accessories ready at the time of rehearsals and performances. Every student will be provided with his or her own folder and music. You are responsible for both and should not share with anyone. If your stand partner is absent you should still have your own materials.
4. **DO NOT**, under any circumstances, touch or play another student's accessories or instrument, even with their permission. Only percussion students are allowed to touch percussion equipment.
5. **DO NOT** talk while Mr. Gresko is rehearsing the group or working with a particular section, even if it is about the music. The less you talk the more time we can spend making music. If you have a question, please raise your hand.
6. When rehearsing, sit with great posture and instrument carriage, sitting on the edge of your chair, back straight with feet flat on the floor. Bad habits are unbreakable the day of a performance, so change them now.
7. Upon entering the rehearsal room, you should get your instrument and music immediately and go directly to your seat. Rehearsal begins 3 minutes after the late bell rings. If you are not ready to go by then you will be marked tardy.
8. Daily practice and progress is expected.
9. No hats are to be worn during rehearsals or other activities without prior approval.
10. Food is not allowed in the rehearsal hall, except during organized functions.
11. No food or drink is allowed during rehearsals except for sealed water containers.
12. Keep the rehearsal hall clean. Pick-up after yourself and others.
13. **DO NOT** leave unattended items in the rehearsal hall during the day. Use lockers or make arrangements with Mr. Gresko if you need to secure an item.
14. Respect others' strengths and weaknesses. We are all here to learn and improve.
15. All instruments must be put away in lockers and closets after each rehearsal. Percussion will cover all instruments and accessories will be put in appropriate slots everyday.
16. **DO NOT** leave any instruments unattended on the floor or on a music stand. Put instruments in their cases when not in use.
17. If you choose to use a music locker, you must use a lock and provide the combination. Lock up everyday.

