

Elm Grove Middle School Band

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F2F= Face to Face students

Welcome to Elm Grove Band 2020!

As you may already know, this school year will be somewhat different than what we expected with our “normal” performing daily routine. With the protocols and procedures involving phase 2, we are not able to play our instruments in a classroom setting. This offers a challenge to our standard band class; however, it offered a rare opportunity to educate music students in ways not possible due to daily class performance demands. The ability to teach a music student basic to advanced music concepts and theory will give a greater appreciation to their individual enjoyment of music and will increase their personal performance level on their instruments.

In addition to that, Face to face students will be learning basic of piano playing. (Those who already know how to play may practice their own music)

There will be no Band fee this year. We are working with a band parent to provide each band student with a complimentary face mask with our logo on it. (will let you know)

All non-playing assignments will be done using Google Classroom. F2F students have been instructed on how to use “Kami”. I have provided tutorial videos for virtual students in the Google Classroom announcements (see class codes below)

All Playing assignments will be done using Smart Music (F2F students will be shown in class and Videos will be posted in Google Classroom for Virtual students to enroll and tutorials on how to use it.

I look forward to the day we can get back to “BAND” as normal, but I am very excited to venture this new avenue of teaching music.

Materials needed for home (F2F and virtual students)

Computer, Chromebook, iPad, or Tablet) with microphone (Must be able to use Google Chrome Browser.

Internet Access

Instrument- cleaning supplies (reeds etc....)

Smart Music -Free- (more information and sign up to come) (Does not work with cellphones)

Materials needed for class

Headphones. (standard jack) *iPhone 8 or later ear buds use a different end.* You will need to get ones with the standard jack. You can get one ear cheap ones just about anywhere. Nothing fancy.



Google Classroom Codes.

Advanced Band → byppsJV

Intermediate Brass → jvkjyjb

Intermediate Wood winds → cglu4pj

We will be signing up for Smart Music this week. Virtual students will be able to see tutorial Videos on their google classroom by the end of the week.

If you need assistance with any of the vids, assignments, playing help etc... We can arrange a google Virtual Meet. Email me with any questions.

Be Safe
GET BETTER TODAY

Remind codes:
Advanced Band → @lexluthor
Intermediate Band → @clarkkent

Class Syllabus and Grading

Listening Logs: 10 points each

The first 5-6 minutes of each F2F class period will be a self guided listening assignment. Students will fill out the listening log using Kami and submit it to their Google Classroom. Virtual students must complete 2 listening logs each week. All listening logs are due by Friday 3pm. (Headphones are mandatory)

Basic Theory: 100 points

All Google Classroom basic theory assignments will be completed using Kami. Virtual students will have virtual classroom instructional videos posted when necessary for new material taught.

Piano Basics: points TBA (F2F students)

Students will be taught and allowed to play classroom pianos (headphones mandatory) Virtual students are exempt. (if a virtual student has access to a piano and would like to follow along, arrangements may be possible)

Smart Music Playing assignments: (All students) 100 points

Students will be assigned music to practice and turn in using Smart music. (tutorial to come) No practice cards will be used as Smart Music tracks student practice time and duration. Students with internet connectivity issues can request a mobile hot spot from EGMS. (while supplies last)

Students will not need to purchase books.

Live and Virtual Sectionals: Bonus

Google meet and virtual lessons will be announced. Students are welcome to join to learn and play as a group or watch the tutorial and practice on their own.

Parents who are not able to locate earbuds (I know you are busy) I will price them as low as possible and place an order by Wednesday.

All classroom equipment is thoroughly sanitized between classes with CDC BPSB approved disinfectant. Students are encouraged to bring personal hand sanitizer (small backpack clip-ons).