

# Tetzlaff Beginning/ Intermediate Band 2014-15

## Syllabus

### Class Information

The beginning/ intermediate band is open to all students at Tetzlaff regardless of ability level or experience. Students will learn skills that will prepare them for either advanced band next year if they are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, or high school next year if they are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This group will have performances at Tetzlaff and in the local community throughout the year and schedule for those performances will be posted on our website. Our group counts on EVERY member for a successful performance, so all performances are required and a part of each student's grade.

### Website/ Contact Information

Website- [www.tetzlaffmusic.org](http://www.tetzlaffmusic.org) : This website is your go to place for all class information. This website has updates and reminders about upcoming events, a calendar and gmail calendar that can sync with your personal calendar, downloadable forms and documents, online resources, contact information and more!!

Email- [matthew.gullett@abcusd.us](mailto:matthew.gullett@abcusd.us) : This is the preferred form of communication for anything you may need. I check my email constantly and am usually able to respond to anything within 24 hours.

Facebook- Tetzlaff Trojan Band and Colorguard: Our band program has a facebook page!! This page has updates about what is happening in our band program throughout the year. It will also be a great place for finding out specific information about performances such as start times at parades and more specific arrival times back at school!

### Schedule Information and Performance

The schedule of performances can be found on our website under the schedule tab at the top. There is a view only version, downloadable PDF and DOC version, and soon to be a google calendar that you can sync with your personal google calendar for those that use that. If you need a hard copy of the schedule, please talk to Mr. Gullett and one will be printed out for you.

Performances are mandatory and are a part of your grade!! Our group relies on EVERY member of our team and when one student is missing, it severely impacts the sound and quality of the group. Please plan ahead so that you will not miss any performances. If you will be missing, written notification is required from a parent/ guardian **at least 2 weeks before the performance date**. This gives the group enough time to adequately prepare to

for a successful performance! If you provide written notification as requested, a makeup assignment will be given that is the equivalent length of time as the performance missed (ex. If the concert would have been 2 hours, an assignment approximately with approximately 2 hours of work will be assigned).

## **Practice/ Expectations**

Our beginning/ intermediate band at Tetzlaff moves at a fast pace that is designed to challenge all students. To successfully achieve our musical goals, each student is expected to practice **at least 3 times per week, for no less than 30 minutes per day.** If a student is struggling to keep up, additional practice time may be necessary to make sure they do not fall behind. There are no regular practice logs assigned weekly or monthly to assess practice. Students instead are assessed on their practice through regular playing quizzes on assigned music. If a student is not practicing or regularly struggling in these quizzes, a parent meeting may be requested to discuss how to make improvement.

## **Grade**

This class is a largely performance based class where we work towards performance oriented goals. Because of that, student's grades have heavy emphasis in performance and musical achievement. The grading scale and breakdown of how a student's grade is calculated is as follows

### Grade Scale

89-100 = A

79-88 = B

69-78 = C

59-68 = D

58 and below = F

### How Your Grade Is Calculated

Performances- 20%

Tests/ Quizzes- 25%

Semester Project- 10%

Homework- 10%

Participation- 25%

Preparation- 10%

## Materials

- Measures of Success Method Book 1- By Deb Sheldon/ Brian Balmages
- 1- 1 ½ inch binder. Please have a separate binder for music than for your other classes. You will place the binder on your music stand, while you play, and if it is too heavy with work from other classes, it will cause the stand to tip over.
- Pencil (at least 2)
- Instrument (can be provided by school)
- Instrument Supplies (Valve oil for brass, swab for woodwinds, sticks for percussion etc)

Please make sure to have materials at EVERY class period. Exceptions will be made for instruments if yours is in the repair shop, however it is important to plan taking instruments to the shop for maintenance well in advance of performances!

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Please tear off and return

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand all requirements of this class. Please tear off and return this form to Mr. Gullett by Friday, 9/6/13.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_