

# Percussion 2016-2017

- **THERE WILL BE A MUSIC STUDENT/PARENT MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH @ 6:00 PM IN THE HS AUDITORIUM (CHOIR AND PERCUSSION STUDENTS ONLY).**

## **Auditions:**

Anyone that has never been in percussion with me must audition in the first week. Auditions are very quick and very low stress. I simply need to find out what instruments you can play, if you read music, etc. We will use class time for percussion auditions.

## **Officers and Duties:**

Percussion President: Help with fund-raising efforts, concert organization, helping with attendance at concerts.

Vice President: Organization of items handed in, creating Sibelius files, taking over for the president in case of absence or emergency, and filling out the lesson plan book, etc.

Librarian: Help put new music in folders, help with photo copying, number and stamp music, file music – you may choose helpers whenever necessary.

## **Concerts:**

Your presence is required at every concert! The concert is a reward for doing well in class, passing spot checks and completing written course work. The only way to make up points for a missed concert is to play all music to a video camera and I will adjudicate it and give an appropriate grade based on your performance. You are required to wear black pants, black shoes, black socks and a black shirt for all performances. Let me know as soon as possible if you are not able to purchase appropriate apparel. We will cover concert etiquette in class.

## **Expectations:**

- Every student needs to come to class with a great attitude and willingness to learn.
- Follow the three R's: **R**espect for yourself, **R**espect for others, and **R**esponsibility for all of your actions.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Always have a pencil in your folder!
- Come early to concerts and stay until everything is cleaned up!
- Take care of your music and folder or you will be charged for the damage.
- Cell phones will in your folder slot for the duration of class... unless we are using them for a specific project.
- ***Each student is encouraged to purchase their own sticks, mallets and stick bag/mallet case.***

## **Fund Raising:**

We will be holding fund-raisers this year. We will either sell oranges, mandarins, grapefruit and coffee or World's Finest Chocolate in the fall. Percussion students are raising money for ***Steel Drums and Brazilian Samba Band*** instruments. *As always, all fund raising is optional.*

**Personal Mallets, Sticks and other equipment:**

We have experienced a lot of broken sticks, mallets and small instruments the past few years. Some damage was because of the age of the equipment and some was due to misuse. Students are encouraged to purchase appropriate \*snare drum sticks and \*\*marimba mallets. Students will be given the option of purchasing timpani mallets, vibraphone mallets xylophone mallets, etc. Students *should* own a snare drum or practice pad but it is not a requirement. All large instruments and practice pads will be supplied by the school. Students and their families are financially responsible for major damages caused to a school instrument.

\*Snare sticks: Vic Firth SD1 General - \$7.80

\*\*Marimba Mallets: Innovative Percussion, ENS260 -\$26.60

Drum set: Vic Firth, Steve Smith SSS - \$9.00

Timpani Mallets: Vic Firth, T1 General \$26.50

Timpani Mallets: Vic Firth, T4 Ultra Staccato - \$23.85

Vibraphone Mallets: Mallettech, Ed Smith ELS 16 - \$47.60

Xylophone Mallets: Innovative Chris Lamb CL-X5 Medium Nylon - \$28.50

Xylophone Mallets: Mallettech, BB34 Bob Becker Series - \$31.75

*Please place your orders at the beginning of the year- these prices are from lonestarpercussion.com You may purchase your own locally if you choose. If you already own your mallets from last year there is no reason to order.*

**Concert Schedule:**

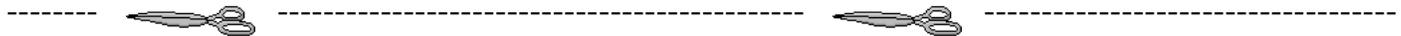
Please visit our web-site for the most current information. All concerts are planned for 2016-2017.

<http://www.ftsd.org/music>

**Concert attire:**

**Each student will need to provide their own a 100% black shirt, black pants, black socks and black shoes. If your family can't afford this, tell me right away!**

**Cut here and bring only the bottom portion to our next class**



I have read the percussion handbook and understand that I am responsible for purchasing appropriate snare drum sticks and marimba mallets if I do not already own them. I will place my order this week (or very soon). I understand that every concert is required and I need to provide my own black shirt, black pants, black socks and black shoes.

**Print** student name \_\_\_\_\_

Student **signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent **signature** \_\_\_\_\_