



VERMILION HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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Dear parents and students,

We are contacting you to clarify the current midterm grade given for Band. Because of the nature of the grading and the due dates for different projects for Band, the current midterm grade does not fully reflect a student's grade, yet their potential grade.

These temporary grades will be altered through and upon the completion of the 9-week period and are dependent on the student's continuing participation and completing other classroom assignment options with a high quality of work. Currently, 85 possible points (Director Mandated), of the total 100 possible points for the class, reflect prepared and positive participation in class (50 points), performing at the Band Concert Dec. 17th (20 points), a music playing test (10 points), and their completion of an audition for the two different bands in late October (5 points). As of this point, students have yet to complete their Band Concert on Dec. 17th or playing test. In addition, prepared and positive participation (50 points) is expected daily. As of now, this is the only area of their grade that has been affected in their Midterm (from 100 points) and it may change (or continue to change) depending on their preparation and attitude in class. So the full value for Director Mandated is temporarily on their grade, to help clarify that they are doing well thus far in class and potentially can/will earn beyond an 85% (85 points) in class.

The remaining 15 possible points (Student Directed) of the total 100 can be earned through a variety of options that can be found on the syllabus. These are options left up to each student to earn their last 15 points and they must choose which way/ways they are going to fulfill the remainder of their grade for a full 100 points (100%) in class.

Once again, the **ONLY** thing being affected on the current student grades (of 100 points) is their participation. Please understand that **in order to achieve 100 points (100%) students must complete all portions of the Director Mandated (85 points) portion of the class with high quality work as well as completing 15 points worth of work from the different options from the Student Directed.** We've included a grade break down from the syllabus for you so you and your child can keep track of their progress in class.

Lastly, just as with other classes at Vermilion High School, the Band program is adopting an A+ project. To receive an A+ in the Band for the 2nd quarter, students must already have a 100% (or the potential for a 100%) towards the end of the quarter. If they meet this requirement, then they may choose to do an independent project (anything Band related, with our approval). Upon completion and grading, they may be given at A+. However, if students have a 100% in Band and choose to not do a project, their grade will not suffer, as they will still have their A. This information is also on the Band Syllabus and we also invite you to ask us for ideas or further explanation for the A+ project.

As always, please feel free to contact us with questions.

Sincerely,

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