

Music Lessons (Music 2520)
Mr. Kobayashi
Academic Year 2019-2020

Music Lessons is a course designed to give students currently in a performing group at St. Francis Prep an opportunity to concentrate on his or her individual technical and musical needs and enhance the training received in these groups. Lessons are held one period per cycle.

Requirements

Each student is required to attend all classes and report to class promptly. Students should arrive a few minutes before the late bell to get their instruments from their music lockers. In cases where students rotate (usually when there are more than 4 students in a lesson period), some students may have free practice time. Students in free practice time must use the time to practice where space allows.

Each student should be prepared for class. Each student is expected to have his/her instrument, any relevant supplies (i.e., reeds, mouthpiece, ligature, cork grease, valve oil, etc.) and all music from Concert or Junior Band including fingering and scale charts. Students should also download a metronome app into their iPad and/or smartphone (the student can choose from the several apps available for virtually all platforms).

Students will photograph a copy of their weekly homework assignment, which will be provided at the conclusion of a lesson. Students may use their iPad or phone camera to photograph their lesson notes. Students should keep these assignments organized.

At least one-half hour of daily home practice is required. Although real-life circumstances may make this difficult at times, students are expected to make the effort to find regular practice time as best as possible.

Students will be expected to adhere to any and all Rules (as found in the Calendar), including but not limited to the Honor Code.

Students must display proper respect at all times to their teachers, their classmates, and most importantly, display self-respect in their attitude and their work.

Grading Policy

Students will receive a grade for each lesson. This weekly grade will be determined based on a student's overall progress and any performance exams that may be assigned. Each quarterly grade will reflect an average of these grades.

Students will be required to perform a final exam of music assigned in advance. The final grade will be an average of the quarterly grades and the final exam grade (20% each)

Points will be deducted as follows:

- Five (5) points off a lesson grade for each lateness.
- Five (5) points off a lesson grade for being unprepared (student instruments that are out for repair will generally not be penalized)
- Fifteen (15) points from the quarterly average for any unexcused absence to a lesson.

Students will be advised verbally if a pattern occurs that will lead to a lower and/or failing grade.

Conferences

Students are encouraged to see me if they feel they are having difficulty with the class. Academic deficiency reports will be sent out if a student is in danger of failing.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) who are concerned about their child's performance are encouraged to contact me at (718) 423-8810 x255, or dkobayashi@sfponline.org.

FIRST HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

I hereby affirm that I have reviewed the course requirements for Music Lessons with my Parent or Guardian.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____