

Syllabus: All Music Classes 4-12

Welcome to a new year in music! My name is Mr. Larson and I will be your guide on this part of your journey through St. Regis School. As on any journey of real meaning, there are a number of things we need to have in order to be successful. We need to be well-equipped, well-behaved, and willing to make an effort.

The school has fantastic facilities for our journey and, with the music budget, I intend to make sure that all immediate needs for supplies are met and existing supplies are continually being well-maintained and brought up to par. ***Things that are important for the students to have are: a pencil (not a pen), a notebook of some sort, a space at home where the student is allowed to practice, and a good attitude.*** If any of these items are not available, please contact me as soon as possible. Communication in a timely manner is a must in this area as I do not wish to leave any student behind.

It is very obvious to me that this community prides itself and cares deeply about its students. As such, we need to make sure that they are prepared to be successful community members within our learning community. ***To be successful in this area, the student must be able to respect their self, the teacher, and other students.*** It is not necessary (and is unlikely) that every student will like every part of the class. However, my goal is to make the learning process as enjoyable for everyone as is possible. Participation is an important element of the behavior along the way. It will be graded at the end of every day beginning on Monday, 9/12/2011.

Music is not a passive subject and involves quite a lot of physical, as well as mental, activity. Research has shown that performance of any kind in front of an audience is one of the most stressful activities for a human being. ***Music takes a person willing to make a physical and mental effort to conquer this fear alongside their classmates in order to achieve success.*** The classroom should be an environment where effort in this direction is encouraged and the students feel safe as they explore.

Concert Attendance 40%	Participation 20%	Tests/Quizzes 20%	Class work 20%
If there are any issues with concert attendance, they must be brought up as soon as possible and a substitute assignment for this grade will be arranged. 100 pts.	Participation includes on-task/off-task, respect (self, teachers, other students), and effort. 10 pts.	Late quizzes or tests receive one point off for each day late. Most quizzes are worth 10 pts.	Late assignments receive one point off for each class day late. Most assignments are worth 10 pts.

Vandalism against school property (instruments, music, and other materials) will be dealt with according to school policy.