

# *ASFMS Music Handbook*

## *2011-2012*

Welcome! We are looking forward to having a very exciting 2011-2012 year. In this handbook you will find information which will be pertinent throughout the year. Especially important are the Concert Dates, please put them on the family calendar now, and try your best to work around them.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Costa, Mrs. St. Sauveur, Mr. Reynolds*

### **Course and Extracurricular offerings**

We offer one chorus and band per grade. These are elective classes and are open to anyone who likes to sing or play; and is willing to commit to a group performing effort.

Select Chorus and Jazz Band are auditioned groups open to any 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grader who is also part of the music program. We will meet on **MONDAY** evenings and perform at all of the concerts.

### **Chorus and Band Supplies and Materials**

1. 1" Black Binder with name on spine
2. pencils, pencils, pencils
3. highlighters
4. **Band ONLY:** 6<sup>th</sup>: Essential Elements 2000 Book 1  
7<sup>th</sup>: Essential Elements 2000 Book 2  
8<sup>th</sup>: Essential Technique 2000 Book 3

Students are responsible for materials given to them. Everyone is expected to handle classroom materials and equipment with respect!

## **Class Expectations**

By being a member of a performing group, you are joining an exciting team. We must work together in order to be successful and accomplish our goals. Teamwork takes the 3 R's, reliability, responsibility and respect.

Respect: Be respectful of people's property  
Be respectful of people's personal space  
Be respectful of people's thoughts and words

Reliable: Students come prepared with class supplies  
Be part of the team and participate

Responsible: Take responsibility for your actions  
Follow class rules

CLASS RULES: Use Appropriate Language  
Gum Chewing is Not Allowed  
Keep Hands and Feet to Yourself

CONSEQUENCES: 1. Warning  
2. Lunch Detention  
3. Before or After School Detention

**NOTE:** Any student caught fighting will be automatically removed from the classroom.

In Addition: No books, bookbags, purses, etc. will be allowed on the risers. All supplies can be left on designated desks.

## **Student Assessment**

Students are assessed on the 9 National Music Standard and appear on the report card in three areas as follows:

**PERFORMING** (Standards 1-3)

Daily class participation, concert attendance, singing or playing assessments

**CONCEPTS** (Standards 4-5)

Sight singing, rhythm reading, various class work, reading music, composition

## CONNECTING (Standards 6-9)

Concert reflections, rehearsal critiques, music analysis, music history

**\*\*All students are responsible for keeping all work and music *neatly* in their music binder. It will be checked throughout the year.**

### Concert Attire

Students are required to wear their concert attire to performances as directed.

**GIRLS:** Black pants or skirts of appropriate length, white shirts, black shoes

**BOYS:** Black pants, plain collared white shirt, dark shoes

**\*\*Our concerts are considered formal events. We ask students to look and behave their best.**

### Concert Attendance

Because chorus and band are performing arts programs, concert attendance is **MANDATORY** and part of the student's grade. Performances are treated as a one-time authentic assessment; therefore, it is understood that if a student does not attend and participate then their grade will be affected for that particular trimester.

To exceed the standard at a concert, each student must:

1. Arrive on time and in correct attire.
2. Attend and actively participate in singing or playing.
3. Show proper concert etiquette while performing.

**Concert Dates:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: January 18, 2012 & May 15, 2012  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: December 20, 2011 & May 16, 2012  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: December 21, 2011 & May 17, 2012

Winter/Spring concerts are in the ASMFS Auditorium and start @ 6:30pm. Students should arrive no later than 6pm.

Concert Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5 per family. Any family member who is attending the concert alone will be \$3.

## Ways to Reach the Music Department

### 1. Email us!

Mr. Costa: [costaanthony@coventryschools.net](mailto:costaanthony@coventryschools.net)

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### 2. Check out our website on [www.asfms.net](http://www.asfms.net) Click on "Departments," "Unified Arts" then "Elective/Exploratory Classes."

*ASFMS Handbook Agreement*  
*2011-2012*

*Return this paper by \_\_\_\_\_ for your first quiz grade!*

## Student

I have read and understand my responsibilities as a member of this performing group.

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

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

## Parent

I have read and understand my student's responsibilities as a member of this performing group.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name

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Parent Signature/Date