

ASFMS Music Handbook 2010-2011

Welcome! We are looking forward to having a very exciting 2010-2011 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 6th, 7th, or 8th 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:**
 - 6th: Essential Elements 2000 Book 1
 - 7th: Essential Elements 2000 Book 2
 - 8th: 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. Attend and actively participate in singing or playing
2. Arrive on time and in correct attire
3. Show proper concert etiquette while performing

Concert Dates: 6th Grade: January 11th, 2011 & May 17, 2011
7th Grade: December 14th, 2010 & May 18, 2011
8th Grade: December 15th, 2010 & May 19, 2011

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

Mrs. St. Sauveur: stsauveurkristen@coventryschools.net

Mr. Reynolds: reynoldsdaniel@coventryschools.net

2. Check out our website on www.asfms.net Click on "Departments" then "Unified Arts."

ASFMS Handbook Agreement
2010-2011

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

Parent Signature/Date