

# **SYLLABUS FOR MONRONEY 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAND 2009-2010**

The Symphonic 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band is taught by Holly Fike and David Craig. Their planning period is 4<sup>th</sup> period, which is 11:20-12:20. They will be unavailable from 8:05-9:05 due to rehearsal at MCHS. Please feel free to contact the directors by school phone at 739-1786 x232 or by email at hfike@mid-del.net or dcraig@mid-del.net.

The Symphonic Band is a performance and competition band that has a membership of band students with at least two years of band experience. Students in this class are expected to have completed at least two beginning band method books and be prepared for a more advanced method book. The Symphonic Band focuses on technical and musical mastery, studying most major scales and arpeggios. Focus is also given for mastery of the PASS requirements for the fine arts.

The Symphonic Band performs at the following events: three home football games (T.B.A.), some school assemblies (T.B.A.), OSSAA District Band Contest (3/9), Pre-District Contest at MWCHS (2/23), OSSAA Concert (3/8), Veterans Day concert (11/11), Christmas concert (12/4), spring concert (5/4), and Heartland Music Fest/Frontier City Contest (4/17). All performances are required unless the student has a conflict with another school competition and arrangements are made in advance. Scholastic eligibility is required for students to participate in any competitions or to miss any classes for a performance. Optional activities include OSSAA Solo & Ensemble Contest (3/27) and CODA All-Region Band auditions (11/7). Also a trip to the Bricktown Ballpark Winter Wonderland is scheduled for 12/11.

Students are required to purchase *Essential Technique Book 3* method book, a *Fussell Book*, flip folder, and lyre (instrument specific). Students are also required to purchase a band t-shirt, black socks, and black "Mr. Dinkle" shoes (to be worn with the band uniform at concerts and contests.) Students are issued uniforms during January, and students are expected to make alterations to hemlines as needed (but please do not cut any fabric!) Students are required to care for the uniforms and pay for any missing uniform parts, or damage to the uniform during check-in in late May.

All grades are based upon a 100-point system. Grades shall be based upon the following: pass off exercises from the band book; weekly theory tests; special reports; worksheets and note spellers; responsibility grades for returning paperwork and newsletters by deadline dates. Concerts and other performances are worth 300 points; points are deducted if students are tardy or absent for these events

The students shall be given a pass off list during the first week of each nine week grading period. The students are required to play each pass off exercise perfectly in order to receive 100 points for the exercise. The student is expected to complete two pass offs each week to maintain a passing grade. Students shall be allowed to pass off before school or during class on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as turn in cassette tapes before school.