**Beginning / Intermediate Band Syllabus**

**\*Individual/Small Group Weekly Lessons\***

Both 5th and 6th Grade Instrumental Music students meet once during most weeks for individual/small group instruction. Lessons are scheduled on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in 35-minute time slots that rotate throughout the day. *Students are pulled from 35 minutes of one different regularly scheduled academic class each rotation for their band lesson.* **Students are responsible for making up missed material in the class they miss for band lessons.** Students are expected to make an effort to attend ALL weekly lessons, unless they have a quiz or test in their regularly scheduled class, in which case they will need to schedule a make-up lesson with Mrs. Chapman to receive credit for that rotation’s lesson.

**\*Full Band Rehearsals\***

We will hold 5th and 6th Grade Full Band Rehearsals at the following times:

**Beginning Band:** Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:30-3:15

**Intermediate Band:** Mondays 2:30-3:15 and Thursdays 1:55-2:26

**\*Performance Requirements\***

There are three main performance requirements for Beginning Band and four for Intermediate Band. They are as follows:

* **Holiday Concert** 
  + Thursday, December 14, 2023
    - @ 1:30PM for K-6 Students
    - @ 7:00PMPM for the public
* **Spring Concert** 
  + Wednesday, May 30, 2024
    - @ 1:30PM for K-6 Students
    - @ 7:00PM for the public
* **Allegany County Solo Festival (held @FCS ) *– ALL Intermediate Members!!***
  + Saturday, February 10, 2024
    - Specific performance times to be announced at a later date
* **Patriotic Day Assembly**
  + Friday, June 14, 2024
    - @8:45AM for PK-6 students and the public

**\*Practice Time and Progress**

In order to become proficient at a musical instrument, it is absolutely vital that students spend time outside of the Band room practicing their instruments, *especially* in the beginning years of instruction. **It is recommended that students spend 15-20 minutes 4-5 days per week practicing.** Getting this amount of practice time is part of your **HOMEWORK** for band each week, and should be considered just as important as any other homework! Though you do not receive a grade specific to your number of practice minutes, you WILL receive a grade based on your progress on the lesson material previously assigned to you on a weekly basis.

**\*Participation\***

Participation constitutes the following: your timeliness, preparedness, cooperation and overall attitude in rehearsals and weekly lessons. It is worth 10% of your quarterly grade. If I have to continually stop lessons and/or rehearsals to correct your behaviors, then your quarterly grade in band will suffer. If you have a generally poor attitude during lessons and/or rehearsals, then your quarterly grade in band will suffer.

**\*Grade Breakdown\***

**Beginning & Intermediate Bands**

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| **Band Rehearsals** | 20% |
| **Performances** | 20% |
| **Individual/Small Group Lessons** | 50% |
| **Participation** | 5% |
| **Extra Credit** | Up to 5% |

**\*Band Drop Times\***

Band is a commitment; one that students should not take lightly. Being in band is like being part of a TEAM. We need all team members to succeed. In an effort to ensure the best opportunities for success of our team, there are two times to ‘drop’ band during the school year:***after* the Holiday Concert, and *after* the Spring Concert**. If you join at the beginning of the year, you are committed to be a part of our team until after the Holiday Concert. If you continue on in January, you are committed to be a part of our team until after the Spring Concert. Any questions/concerns about this policy, please contact Mrs. Chapman.

**Band Room Rules and General Expectations**

**Tardiness**

Students should make every effort to be at the band room at their assigned lesson time each week. Lessons are only 30 minutes in length, so we really need to be time efficient.

**Absences**

If the school will excuse it, I will excuse it-otherwise, it is unexcused. Everyone is a valuable member of the team and needs to be present and on time!

**Gum Chewing**

Do not chew gum at any band function that includes playing your instrument.

**Horseplay**

Do not use the band room or Music Wing as a play area. Horseplay will not be tolerated in the band room. Failure to follow this rule will result in a discipline referral.

**Appropriate Listening When Someone Else is Talking**

It is expected that when a teacher is talking, you will address him/her with your eyes and full attention. I believe that most Fillmore kids have enough self-respect that they would honor this request, but if not this behavior may result in a discipline referral.

**Cell Phones**

Cell phones should not be out at any time during band rehearsals. If it is seen, it will be taken until the end of class. Repeated offenses may result in turning your phone into the K-12 office, as well as a discipline referral.

**Outside Work**

On a normal rehearsal day, students may not complete outside work during band rehearsals. This is discourteous and disrespectful. Exceptions are days where the teacher or a substitute deems the day an outside work day (Study hall). Failure to understand this will result in a discipline referral, as it is considered disrespectful towards the teacher.

**Band Room Procedures**

**Entering the Room** Go directly to get your instrument/music, take a seat, look at the day’s agenda and get ready to

play! Wait until told to warm up 

**Class Dismissal** When the teacher says to pack up, you may – not before!

**Beginning Class** When teacher calls students to attention, the class is silent

**Leaving Your Seat** Raise your hand and ask for permission

**Using Your Phone** If the teacher sees it, he/she may take it until the end of class

**Asking Questions** Raise your hand

**Answering Questions** Raise your hand

**Cubbies** Keep them neat and orderly – only music/instrument stored in them

**Fire Drill** Bring instruments, leave classroom in an orderly fashion beginning with row 1, seat 1

**Getting Help** Ask the teacher, he or she will set up a help session

**Lessons** Prior sign-up required, must have meaningful practice on assigned material

**Percussion Section** Must be cleaned up daily at the end of rehearsal

**Chairs/Stands** Must be kept in an orderly fashion

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**FCS Music Department Calendar of Events 2023-2024** (tentative)

Monday – September 4, 2023 Rushford Labor Day Parade (Grades 8-12 Instrumental Music Students)

September 26-October 12, 2023 FCS Music Department Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Fri/Sat – November 3-4, 2023 NYSSMA Zone 15 Junior High Area All-State Festival @Hornell HS

Wed/Thurs – November 8-9, 2023 FCS Middle School Musical

November 17-30, 2024 FCS Music Department Jockey Street Coffee Fundraiser

Fri/Sat – November 17-18, 2023 NYSSMA Zone 15 Senior High Area All-State Festival @Elmira HS

Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun – Nov. 30-Dec.3, 2023 NYSSMA Conference All-State Festival @Rochester, NY

Tuesday – December 12, 2023 FCS Grades 9-12 Holiday Concert 7PM

Thursday – December 14, 2023 FCS Grades 4-8 Holiday Concert 7PM

Tuesday – December 19, 2023 FCS Grades PK-3 Holiday Program 6:30PM

Fri/Sat – January 19-20, 2024 Allegany County School Music Association All-County Festival #1 @CRCS

*(Grades 10-12 Show Choir, Grades 5/6/7 Intermediate Band, Grades 7-12 Orchestra)*

Fri/Sat – February 9 & 10, 2024 Allegany County School Music Association Solo Festival @FCS

February 2024 FCS Music Department/FCS Music Boosters Strawberry Fundraiser

Fri/Sat – March 1-2, 2024 Allegany County School Music Association All-County Festival #2 @ Houghton

University *(Grades 7-9 Band, Grades 10-12 Choir, Jazz Band)*

Fri/Sat – March 15-16, 2024 Allegany County School Music Association All-County Festival #3 @ TBD

*(Grades 10-12 Band, Grades 7-9 Choir, 6th Grade Choir)*

Fri/Sat – Mar 22 & 23, 2024 FCS High School Musical @7PM

Fri/Sat – May 10 & 11, 2024 NYSSMA Solo Festival @ FCS

Friday – May 17, 2024 FCS Elementary Play @7PM

Monday – May 27, 2024 FCS Bands Memorial Day Parade 10:30AM

Tuesday – May 29, 2024 FCS Grades 9-12 Spring Concert 7PM

Wednesday – May 30, 2024 FCS Grades 4-8 Spring Concert 7PM

Saturday – June 1, 2024 Eagle Revue 7PM

Tuesday – June 4, 2024 FCS Instrumental Music Recital 7PM

Sunday – June 10, 2024 FCS Annual Grades 5-8 Music Department Amusement Park Trip

Tuesday – June 14, 2024 FCS Grades 3PK-6 Patriotic Program 8:45AM

Sat/Sun – June 15 & 16, 2024 FCS First Annual Senior High Music Department Trip

Friday – June 28, 2024 FCS Commencement 7PM

**Fillmore Central School Bands Intent Sheet**

Last Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

First Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Instrument\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Woodwinds/Brass Check One *(Percussionists, skip to bottom statement):***

\_\_\_I own my instrument

\_\_\_I am renting to own an instrument from Atlas Music

\_\_\_I need to rent an instrument from FCS **(need to complete a rental form!)**

**Complete the Following Once You Have an Instrument to Use for the School Year:**

Instrument Make (Brand)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Serial #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have read the course syllabus and classroom rules/procedures. **I understand that I am expected to attend all required performances for this school year.** I understand that I must take learning my instrument as a serious commitment, both in school and outside of school. I will do my best to be a positive contributor for this ensemble.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_