**Berwick Area Middle School Orchestra Guidelines 2016-2017**

Goals:

 1. To improve playing technique and musicianship both as individual players and as an ensemble.

 2. To increase repertoire.

 3. To gain playing experience through musical performances.

 4. To train for a musical career or prepare to play with groups outside of school.

 5. To increase playing ability for pure musical enjoyment.

Requirements:

 1. Daily attendance (and preparation) at class with instrument, music, pencil and other necessary equipment!!

 2. Mandatory attendance at concerts. In case of emergency, an alternate project will be assigned

 3. Scheduled after school rehearsals:

 5th/6th Grade: Thursday, Nov. 17, 4-5 P.M. and Mon. Dec. 5, 2:45-4:00 P.M.

 7th/8th Grade: Tues., Nov. 8, 4-5 P.M. and Wed., Nov. 30, 2:45-4:00 P.M.

Classroom Rules:

1. Sit quietly.
2. Listen attentively.
3. Present a positive attitude.
4. Be prepared.
5. Focus on the task.

Scheduled Concerts (as of now):

1. Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 7:00 P.M. High School and Middle School Strings.
2. Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7:00 P.M. Middle School Orchestra and Band.

Other Events:

 1. PMEA District 8/9 Middle School String Fest. Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Snow Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017. Wilkes-University.

 2. Stringposium. Date: TBA. Bloomsburg University.

 3. 7th/8th Grade Field Trip: Music in the Parks. May 2017

 4. 5th/6th Grade Field Trip: Young Persons Concert, Bloomsburg University. Date: Oct. 4, 2016

Concert Attire:

 Ladies: black pants, white shirt, black socks, black shoes.

 Men: Black pants, long-sleeved white shirt, black socks, black shoes.

 **PLEASE ADHERE TO SCHOOL DRESS CODE!!!!!**

Grading:

 50% - Daily grade, preparation, knowledge of music, evidence of practice. Students will be graded 3 points each day for bringing their instrument, music/pencil, and for participation.

 30% - Playing Tests/Quizzes or writing prompts. There will be at least three per marking period.

 20% - AT LEAST, 90 minutes practice/week. Written evidence will sometimes be required.

I am looking forward to a fun and productive year! Let's strive for excellence!!

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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