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Senior Concert Band Course Outline – 2020/2021

BAN20S, BAN30S, BAN40S

Marking Breakdown:

Playing Tests / Performances	50%
Rehearsal Skills / Preparation	20%
Written Assignments	10%
Project	10%
Exams	10%

*Please note that it may become necessary to make adjustments to the marking breakdown depending this year as classes, rehearsals and performances may be effected by the ongoing pandemic. Students will be notified if any changes need to be made, and a current marking breakdown is always available on Parent Connect and Student Connect.

Concert Attendance

It is an expectation and a requirement of the course that students plan to attend all scheduled performances. Relevant concert dates are listed below, under Important Dates. In the event of illness or other reasonable conflict, students will be expected to complete an assignment instead. Notice must be given sufficiently in advance so arrangements can be made to cover any parts that may be missing as a result. Failure to attend a performance without a prior, approved excuse will result in lost marks for that unit, and may jeopardize involvement in any scheduled music trips.

Please note that due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, it may become necessary to move, postpone, cancel or reconfigure performances into a virtual event. All currently scheduled performance dates are therefore tentative. We will endeavor to provide as much notice as possible of any performance changes to all students and families.

Playing Tests

Students will be regularly tested on the material studied in class.

Rehearsal Skills/Preparation

As this band is a performing ensemble, it is extremely important that students attend with all necessary materials and participate in all scheduled rehearsals and lessons, as well as any scheduled performances of the band.

Small-group lesson scheduling will be completed during the first few full band rehearsals of each semester, teachers will be made aware, and you will be expected to attend lessons throughout the year.

Students are expected to bring a pencil regularly to class, and to take notes and rehearsal marks in the sheet music to facilitate learning and rehearsing.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, class schedules and rehearsal schedules have been changed this year. Please note that under our current semester schedule, all students will participate in 1 in-person class per week, as well as participating in 1 rehearsal virtually per week.

- Group A Students (those with last names beginning with A-K) will rehearse in person on Monday mornings in Slot A, and will rehearse virtually with the recording of Group B's rehearsal during at home learning on Thursdays or Fridays.
- Group B Students (those with last names beginning with L-Z) will rehearse in person on Thursday mornings in Slot A, and will rehearse virtually with the recording of Group A's rehearsal during at home learning on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Written Assignments

Students will be required to complete several small written assignments throughout the year, including reflection and theory assignments.

Project

Students will be required to complete a project relating to a content area of concert band. Students can choose from a list of options, or may submit their own option for approval by the teacher. Such options can include a short chamber style performance, researching the history of an instrument in the concert band, researching an era of music or a specific composer, a student conductor project, or teaching a few lessons to a beginning student.

Exams

The exams will be a combination of practical and written, and will take place at the end of each semester.

Important Dates

***Please Note:** Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, all dates and events are tentative. We anticipate changes to dates and locations, and expect it may be necessary to make some events virtual. Please be patient with us as navigate through these uncertain times.

Sept 30th & Oct 1st	Music Stores at R.D. Parker Band Room, 5pm – 8pm
TBD	Thompson Music Parents AGM Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 7pm
November 11 th	Thompson Remembrance Day Ceremonies TRCC, 10am
December 15 th	Senior Band Winter Concert Letkemann Theatre, 7:30 pm
March 3 rd – 6 th	Parkland/NorMan Region Honour Band Festival Dauphin, MB
TBD	Thompson Festival of the Arts Performance Letkemann Theatre, Time TBD
April 21 st	Spring Band Concert Letkemann Theatre, 7pm
June 1 st	35 th Annual Cabaret Letkemann Theatre, 7pm
June 25 th	R.D.P.C. Graduation Ceremony