

**Pleasantdale Middle School Band & Orchestra**  
**Curriculum Night**  
**Wednesday, September 9, 2010**  
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**Goals:**

- Perform on pitch, in rhythm, with appropriate dynamics and timbre, and maintain a steady tempo
- Perform expressively a varied repertoire of music representing diverse genres and styles
- Perform in groups, blending instrumental timbres, matching dynamic levels, and responding to the cues of a conductor
- Perform independent instrumental parts while other students play contrasting parts
- Perform accurately and independently, alone and in small and large ensembles, with good posture, good playing position, and good breath, bow, or stick control

**Instructional Strategies:**

- Hands-on learning
- Integrated Units
- Frequent opportunities for student choice
- Cognitive experiences where students question and self-monitor to promote higher order learning
- Regular student reflection and goal-setting
- Opportunities for collaborative learning
- Attention to multiple intelligences
- Developmentally appropriate activities
- Problem based learning
- Frequent links to personal experience and life outside the classroom through partnership activities

**Assessments:**

- Observation of rehearsals and performances
- Oral questioning
- Performance-based tests
- Written exercises

**Resources:**

- Standard of Excellence Band Method by Bruce Pearson
- Essential Elements 2000 Plus DVD for Strings by Michael Allen et al
- Concert Time Book I by Brian Balmages et al
- String Techniques for Superior Performance by Robert S. Frost
- Superior Bands in Sixteen Weeks by Quincy Hilliard
- Percussion With Class by Douglas B. Wallace

**Lesson Schedule:**

- Mondays: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Flutes, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Clarinets, All Saxophones, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trombones
- Tuesdays: All 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Flutes, Clarinets, Trumpets, Trombones, Baritones, and Percussion
- Wednesdays: All Percussion, Jazz Rhythm, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trombones, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Baritones, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tuba
- Thursdays: All Violins, Violas, Cellos and Basses in Grades 5-8
- Fridays: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Flutes, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Flutes, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Clarinets, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trumpets, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trumpets, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade French Horn

**Before- and After-School Rehearsals:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band: Mondays & Thursdays 3:30-4:20
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra: Tuesdays 3:30-4:20
- Grades 6, 7 and 8 Band: Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 – 8:15
- Grades 6, 7 and 8 Orchestra: Mondays & Wednesdays 7:30 – 8:15
- Jazz Band (Grades 6,7 and 8): Fridays 7:30 – 8:15

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**Performances and Events:**

LTHS Marching Band 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Game Halftime Show – Friday, September 25  
IMEA Auditions (optional) – Saturday, October 3  
LTHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Festival and Concert – Thursday, October 29  
IMEA Festival (optional) – Saturday, November 7  
Winter Band Concert – Thursday, December 3  
Winter Choir & Orchestra Concert – Tuesday, December 8  
LTHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Festival and Concert – Thursday, February 4  
LTHS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Festival – Friday, February 5  
LTHS Jazz Workshop and Concert – Wednesday, February 24  
LTHS Solo & Ensemble Festival – Saturday, March 13  
Solo & Ensemble Participants' Recital (All About Us Night) – Thursday, April 22  
Music Showcase Festival/Great America - Saturday, May 15  
Spring Band Concert – Tuesday, May 11  
Spring Choir & Orchestra Concert – Thursday, May 13  
Graduation (Band, grades 5,6,7) – Wednesday, June 2

***Please feel free to contact me with any questions!***

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