**Daily Routine:**

**Calendar of**

**Events**

**Winter Concerts:**

**December 1st**

**December 2nd**

**December 3rd**

**December 8th**

**December 14th (Snow Date)**

**Elementary**

**All-County Audition Day @ Union Vale:**

**January 9th**

**(Snow Date: 1/16)**

**UVMS Musical**

**February 12th & 13th**

**(Snow Date: 2/14)**

**Elementary**

**All-County Festival @ Van Wyck JH:**

**February 26th & 27th**

**(Snow Dates: 3/4 & 3/5)**

**Pops Concerts:**

**March 1st**

**March 2nd**

**March 3rd**

**March 9th**

**March 10th(Snow Date)**

**NYSSMA Solo Festival @ LMS:**

**May 20th & 21st**

**Possible Bardavon Field Trip:**

**April 20th**

**District Jazz Night:**

**May 16th or 18th**

**Spring Concerts:**

**May 31st**

**June 1st**

**June 2nd**

The 6th grade band rehearses everyday for approximately 40 minutes. This year we are split into two sections. Students are expected to be set-up and ready for a downbeat three minutes after the bell rings. Everyone is expected to be on time and be prepared with your instrument, band binder, dry erase marker, and pencil daily.

**Course Objective**

Throughout the year you will:

-Improve your playing

-Develop as a musician

-Perform in a large ensemble setting

-Perform in a small ensemble setting

-Learn how to analyze and discuss music

-Learn to evaluate your performances

-Begin learning music theory & composition

-Relate music to the other arts and subjects outside of the arts

-Learn skills that will not only help you as a musician but in life as well

**Classroom Expectations**

-Showing Respect

-Being Accountable

-Communicating

-Putting Forth Effort

-Having a Positive Attitude

-Being Prepared

-Being on Time

**Lessons:**

Everyone will receive group instruction or “lessons” on a weekly basis, which makes up a large portion of your grade. Any missed lesson is expected to be made up

**prior** to your next scheduled lesson so you do not fall behind the rest of the group.

Missed lessons can be made up during half of your lunch period or before/after school (sign-ups are in my lesson room). You will be able to receive full credit for your missed lesson as long as you provided me with a purple “no pass” from your teacher. A 10-point deduction will occur if you do not make up your lesson within one weeks time, and/or do not provide me with a “no pass”.

**Assignments & Practicing:**

You are expected to practice at home for 20 to 30 minutes 4-5 days a week. You will also be given assignments & permission slips throughout the course of school year. 10 points will be deducted for each day your assignment is handed in late.

**Grading Policy:**

*Quarter 1*

60% Lessons

20% Band Participation

10% Assignments

10% Practice Log

*Quarter 2*

50% Lessons

20% Band Participation

10% Assignments

10% Scale Test

10% Practice Log

*Quarter 3*

60% Lessons

20% Band Participation

10% Assignments

10% Google Voice/Practice Log

*Quarter 4*

50% Lessons

20% Band Participation

5% Assignments

15% Post Assessment/Playing Final

10% Google Voice/Practice Log

**Edline:**

My website is up and running! Here you will find updated lesson schedules, permission slips, lesson assignments, concert dates/times, festival information, festival dates/times, assignments, and any other important information you may need.

**Concerts:**

Concerts are a mandatory performing experience for every student participating in the band program at Union Vale Middle School. They are the culmination of months of rehearsal in school and practice at home. Students are expected to dress appropriately following these guidelines:

Boys: BLACK shirt (no t-shirts); BLACK dress pants; DARK SOCKS; BLACK dress shoes. ***No jeans, flip-flops, or sneakers****.*

Girls: BLACK blouse (no t-shirts); BLACK dress (long/knee length); BLACK skirt (long/knee length) or dress pants; BLACK dress shoes. ***No jeans/jeggings, leggings, spaghetti straps, flip flops, or sneakers.***

**Supplies:**

-All Instruments:

-1 or 1 ½ inch hardcover binder

-5-tab dividers (Please label with the following:

Band Music, Warm-Ups/Scales, Solos/Chamber

Music, Practice Logs, Other

Music, and Other)

-Dry Erase Markers with Erasers on the end

-Metronome and Tuner (Apps are fine)

-Pencils

-Music Stand

-Lesson Books

*Woodwinds & Brass*

-Essential Elements 2000- Book 1 & 2

*Percussion Lesson Books*

*-*A Fresh Approach to Mallet Percussion

-AlfredDrum Method Book 1 & 2

-Flute:

-Cleaning Rod with Cloth

-Oboe & Bassoon:

-Reeds

-Reed Case

-Water Holder

-Swab

-Cork Grease

-Clarinet & Saxophone:

-Reeds:LaVoz Medium (must have at least two

playable reeds at all times)

-Reed Case

-Swab

-Cork Grease

-Mouthpiece patch

-Brass:

-Valve Oil

-Tuning Slide Grease

-Slide O’ Mix or Trombotine (Trombones Only)

-Water Spray Bottle (Trombones Only)

-Percussionists:

*-*Stick Bag (you will receive information in

regards to purchasing sticks/mallets at your first

lesson)

*-*Snare Pad & Sticks

-Bell Kit & Mallets

**Extra Credit:**

To earn extra points onto your average you can either participate in an extracurricular ensemble or attend a music event. These points will be awarded during the quarter the event takes place. Below you will find a list of the musical experiences, as well as the number of points you can earn per activity.

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| **Music Related Events & Ensembles** | **Points** |
| Attendance at a concert other than your own (Submit a copy of the program & a one-page review of the concert. You can find the template for the one page review on my website.) | .5 |
| Member of an after school musical group  (Jazz Band, Jazz II, Select Chorus, Musical) | 2 |
| Member of a musical ensemble outside of school  (NYSBDA, HV Youth Ensemble, Aerophone, Church Choir, etc.) | 2 |
| NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival Participant | 2 |
| All-County Festival Participant | 2 |

**Extra Help:**

You are encouraged to come and see me if you need extra help or have a question. The best time to do this is before homeroom or during lunch/study hall (if it is a mutually convenient time).

**Private Lessons:**

Although it is not mandatory, it is highly recommended that students take private lessons. A list of specialists can be provided, please see me for more information.