

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 year of music at Henry Hudson. In an effort to be as open and communicative as possible, I want to start the year with all information available, as well as provide access to areas where new information will be posted and kept up-to-date. I hope this way everyone is aware of the goings on of the many facets of our program and no one is left out of the loop. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to email me at any time, at [jstarr@henryhudsonreg.k12.nj.us](mailto:jstarr@henryhudsonreg.k12.nj.us). I am looking forward to this year and all the great music we will perform. Thank you.

**Remind:** Receive weekly schedule updates, as well as reminders of important dates and documents.

Text @hhrsmband to 81010 for Middle School Band

Text @hhrshsband to 81010 for High School Band

**Google Classroom:** All students must join their classroom. Codes will be provided at a later date

**Calendar:** Go to the HHRS website, faculty, Jeffrey Starr. Up-to-date Google Calendar.

### **Important Dates!**

December 12 - Winter Concert (Mandatory)

April 30 - Spring Concert (Mandatory)

Band Trip to Six Flags Great Adventure in May

Graduation/8th Grade Promotion - TBA (Mandatory)

### **Grading Policy**

50% Participation and Lessons

25% Concert

25% Tests/Projects

### **Assignments/Projects**

There will be two playing tests, each due the week before the concerts. All students will have to perform two excerpts from *each* of their pieces of music. These will be posted in the Google Classroom at least a month from the due date.

After the concerts, the students will have one week to submit a concert evaluation, the rubric will be posted in the Google Classroom.

The students will receive at least one group pull-out lesson a month. This will rotate in a cycle alternating periods 1 and 3. Their attendance in their lesson will be a part of their grade. If the student decides to stay in their regularly scheduled class, the student may make up the lesson at a later date within the marking period. The lesson calendar will be posted in the band room and sent out to all teachers.

**Fundraising**

Throughout the year we will be announcing different fundraisers to help offset the costs of the band trip. There will be a mix of group and individual fundraisers. These are optional, but greatly help lower the costs for the trips. Any extra money will transfer to following years. More information will be available to join the Admirals Music Patrons, our Band Parent organization to help organize the fundraising.

**Instrument Care**

Students have the ability to rent instruments for free from my inventory. If the student mishandles the instrument to the point of needing repairs, they may have to pay to have that done. If the student’s instrument breaks on its own, I will take care of repairs. I will give the students one free reed, however each subsequent reed will cost \$1. I strongly recommend buying your own pack, of which I can suggest brands at your convenience. In addition, I recommend that students, who are serious about music, purchase their own instrument and/or mouthpieces.

**Guidelines**

1. Come into the classroom and begin setting up your instrument by the time the bell rings
2. No food or drink, except water, is allowed in the band room
3. Absolutely no gum chewing while playing an instrument
4. Treat all students and faculty with the utmost respect and dignity

Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in a loss of participation points for the day and a possible referral to guidance.

Thank you.

Jeff Starr  
Band Director  
Henry Hudson Regional School

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Student Signature

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