



Class Piano

Course Syllabus

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Students in this course receive instruction in the basic areas of piano performance and music theory.

Google Classroom Codes: Period 3 - ynecmcz / Period 5 - 6agnemj

Class Objectives

- Improve piano playing and music reading skills through individual and group lessons
- Read music in the treble and bass clef at the appropriate level
- Read and play from chord charts
- Play piano music from a variety of styles
- Use practice time efficiently to improve playing technique and skill
- Prepare and perform music appropriate to skill level
- Evaluate and critically respond to their own performances as well as performances by others

Class Content *(Subject to change)*

- Adapted to any ability level
 - o Basic hand position
 - o Hand independence
 - o Basic chords
 - o Songs from method books
 - o Songs of student choosing
 - o Compositions
 - 4 total (2 per marking period)
 - o Chord Charts
 - o Music Theory and History

Class Guidelines

- **Arrive on time** and have all necessary materials with you. (If you are late you **MUST** have a pass.)
- Wear a mask or face shield.
- Sit in your assigned seat.
- Throw away gum if you're chewing it.
- ASK QUESTIONS! I can't help unless I know what the problem or question is!
- **Please take care of restroom needs before class.** Students will only be permitted to use the bathroom during class under emergency circumstances.
- Bring your charged Chromebook *daily*
- *Leave your egos at the door - be encouraging to your classmates.*



Virtual Guidelines:

Daily Virtual Meeting Procedures:

- Be on time – log-on 2-3 minutes before the start of class to make sure the connection, video and speakers are working properly; the Google Meet link will appear at the top of the Google Classroom banner
- Make sure your sound is muted to start
- Have your music folder, instrument and a pencil at your workstation

Virtual Meeting Guidelines:

1. Noise/Distracted Control
 - a. Use paper and pen to take notes
 - b. No texting or other phone use during the meeting (unless needed for an in-class activity)
 - c. Stay focused on the class or task at hand
 - d. No eating
2. Dress Appropriately (school dress code applies)
3. Set the Stage
 - a. Clear background
 - b. Good lighting (lights on and not near a window)
 - c. Quiet location
 - d. Nothing inappropriate in the background
4. Stay seated and present
 - a. Look at the camera (keep it on) and stay active
 - b. Make sure your whole face can be seen on the screen
 - c. Your preferred name (first and last) should be your name on your video
5. Mute your microphone when you're not talking
6. Speak clearly and with enough volume so everyone can hear you
7. Use chat for questions
 - a. Keep chat focused on academics only
 - b. Everyone can see your chat. Be appropriate
8. No recording or distribution of any video conferencing is permitted

Homework Policy

Any homework assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date. Half credit will be given for assignments turned in after class on the due date until the end of the next day. After that you will receive a 0. *It is better to turn in an assignment for half credit than not at all.* You will be able to complete most of the work during class!

Students will not be permitted to go to their locker to get an assignment. Be prepared when you come to class.

Assignments missed due to absence will have 2 days to be made up. If you are going to be absent due to a music lesson, sporting activity, or field trip, the assignment must be turned in prior to leaving.

Pencil is strongly recommended for any homework related to music theory - it's easier to erase something than cross it out multiple times!



Grading

Each marking period grade is based on a point system. Every assignment and test/quiz has its own point value. At the end of the marking period, the total points a student receives is divided by the points possible and the resulting percent is the marking period grade. If you are unsure of a grade, please ask!

- Daily Bell Ringer: 2 points
- Weekly Current Event: 5 points
- Tests: 50 points
- Playing Quizzes: 10-15 points
- Projects: 20-30 points
- Homework: 10-25 points

Mid Term Examination and Final Examination

The mid-term examination will count for 10% of the student's overall grade for the semester. The final examination will count as 10% of the student's overall grade for the year.

All students will take both the mid-term examination and the final examination.

Cell Phone/Electronic Devices

These devices will only be allowed during times announced by the teacher. There will be times when these devices are used in class for educational purposes. Please do not abuse this policy. If a cell phone or other device is seen and/or heard during a time not directed for use by the teacher, your daily participation grade will be affected.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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