

# BRADFORD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

(This letter is available as a PDF download on the BCA Music web site at <http://bcaimusic.weebly.com/> under the *Letters* tab.)

## ASSESSMENT CATEGORIES DEFINED

### 1. PARTICIPATION - 20 POINTS (20% of grade)

ATTENTIVENESS, INDIVIDUAL EFFORT, TEAMWORK, GENERAL BEHAVIOR. APPROPRIATE DEDUCTIONS MAY BE MADE FOR TARDINESS, INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR, ETC.

### 2. PREPAREDNESS - 20 POINTS (20% of grade)

STUDENT IS EXPECTED TO BRING METHOD BOOK, PENCIL, BAND MUSIC, INSTRUMENT AND OTHER ITEMS NECESSARY FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN CLASS.

### 3. HOMEWORK - 20 POINTS (20% of grade)

HOMEWORK IS GRADED FOR COMPLETION AND EVIDENCE OF EFFORT ONLY

### 4. PRACTICE CHART - 25 POINTS (25% of grade)

FULL CREDIT IS GIVEN FOR A PRACTICE CHART PROPERLY FILLED IN AND SIGNED BY A PARENT. GRADES 4-6 - 15 MIN/DAY = 25 PTS. GRADES 7 AND 8 - 20 MIN/DAY = 25 PTS. GRADES 9-12 - AS DETERMINED BY INSTRUCTOR.

### 5. PROFICIENCY - 15 POINTS (15% of grade)

TECHNICAL FACILITY / TONE / RHYTHMIC ACUITY / NOTATION SKILLS (note recognition, fingerings) STUDENT ABILITY TO DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN THESE AREAS IS BASED UPON TEACHER OBSERVATION, QUIZZES, HOMEWORK, INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ATTITUDE, ETC..

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS/EXPECTATIONS

### ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS

- All ensemble rehearsals are scheduled during the school day **ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS @** the HS.
- Instruments, all necessary music, method books and a pencil are required at each rehearsal.

### INSTRUMENT LESSONS (see calendar at <http://bcaimusic.weebly.com/>)

- Lessons are scheduled after school unless student and school schedules make in-school lessons possible.
- Instruments, any written assignments, current practice chart and all materials (see below) are required at each lesson.

### ATTENDANCE

- If a student is in school, attendance at all band rehearsals and lessons is expected.
- Much like mathematics, the skills necessary for successful performance are acquired sequentially and over an extended period of time. Therefore, Instrumental Music is regarded as a yearlong course of study requiring participation for the school year from September through June.

### PRACTICE AND PRACTICE CHARTS AND HOMEWORK

- Practice charts will be issued at Monday's rehearsal and will be received by the instructor at the following Monday.
- A minimum level of practice per day is necessary insure progress and receive full credit (25% of grade). Each band member is expected to practice an average of 20 minutes per day and log the time on the practice chart (140 min = 25 pts.).
- In order to receive credit, practice charts **MUST** be signed by a parent and have all practice times correctly totaled.
- In the event of a missed lesson (illness or other absence), **it is the student's responsibility to obtain a new practice chart.** Replacement practice charts are available in class or electronically on above website. An NTI will be entered in *Veracross* for missing charts. Late Practice Charts will be received for full credit for one week following the due date.
- **Smart Music** –an interactive, cloud-based music program, used by the MS Band as an educational tool. Students will be given regular homework requiring them to record exercises and music excerpts using a computer or tablet.
  - go to [admin.smartmusic.com/join](http://admin.smartmusic.com/join) and follow the instructions
    - when prompted, input the **class code** : **PKXTR-TPQV**
    - follow the prompts to. Join a class and create an account.
    - input **user name**, **password** and the following **recovery email** **Thomas.stolar@bradfordchristianacademy.org**
  - If you have difficulty, your student's classmates may be of assistance OR check with Mr. S – 603.475.5233.

### MATERIALS

- ***Student's instrument, 1" ring binder, all supplementary materials, method book(s), pencil and PRACTICE CHART.***

### VERACROSS (BCA's student information management system)

- Grades and assignments will be posted on the Veracross site following each band rehearsal.
- Grades will be issued each term along with student's academic grades.

BCA MUSIC WEB SITE: <http://bcaimusic.weebly.com/>

STUDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_