

PETERS TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS: 7TH GRADE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Course Information	Teacher Information
<u>Course Length:</u> Trimester	<u>Name:</u> Daniel Nesaw

Course Overview and Essential Skills

7th Grade Instrumental Music is a 12 week course that occurs during the first trimester of the year and is for current band students only. The class will provide an excellent opportunity to continue with the development of instrumental techniques and overall musicianship in a group which is smaller than the full ensemble format of Concert Band. Elements of music theory will be reviewed in order to provide a solid foundation for ensemble playing by reinforcing scales, key signatures, and techniques for improved intonation. Students will be given the necessary tools to create and implement an effective practice routine that will encourage long-term progress and success while participating in the music program throughout your time here at the middle school.

Course Textbook, Supplemental Resources and Required Materials

Various selections from the Concert Literature and teacher generated worksheets, exercises and handouts
 Student owned or district supplied instrument and applicable consumables (reeds, mallets, drum sticks)

Course Outline of Material Covered:

Unit or Topic	Course Activities/Resources	Timeframe
Music Terminology & Notation	Various songs from the concert literature and teacher generated worksheets.	12 weeks intermittently
Warm-ups and Tuning	Teacher generated exercises and worksheets.	12 weeks intermittently
Harmony & Theory	Teacher generated exercises and worksheets.	12 weeks intermittently
Performance & Critique	Various songs from the concert literature, selected excerpts and teacher generated exercises and worksheets.	12 weeks intermittently
Musical Performance	Various songs from the selected concert literature.	12 weeks (Jazz Concert & 8 th Grade Award Ceremony)

**Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.*