

# Symphonic Band Syllabus

## 2022-23

### **Symphonic Band (9226, 9236\*)**

Symphonic Band is a performance-based, year-long course composed of select wind and percussion students who are musically proficient. Combined emphasis is given to the development of musicianship through progressive technical studies and intermediate wind and percussion literature. Additional performance opportunities include contests, solo literature, chamber ensembles, honor bands, and community events. All members of the Symphonic Band are required to participate as members of Pep Band.

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### **Music Subject Mission Statement**

Yorkville music students will pursue a lifelong relationship with music.

### **Curriculum At A Glance**

Students will demonstrate advanced technique, tone quality, listening, and musicality appropriate to Grade 2.5-3.5 wind and percussion literature.

- Students will perform with advanced pitch accuracy, intonation, and tone quality.
- Students will perform with advanced rhythms and in advanced time signatures.
- Students will develop and apply ensemble skills and rehearsal techniques.
- Students will interpret expressively with limited or no guidance.
- Students will perform various styles, genres, and forms.
- Students will differentiate key, scales, intervals, and tonality.
- Students will evaluate and analyze.

### **Required Materials**

Each student is required to have their own personal metronome and tuner, a pencil, and instrument in good playing condition with all of the normal accessories associated with their instrument (mutes, valve oil, slide lubricant, mouthpiece, at least three good reeds at all times, and mallets). Students using a school-owned instrument (including percussionists) are required to pay a rental fee \$33 per semester. Music and folder is supplied by Y115 and must be kept in good condition. Fee for a missing folder is \$25. Concert dress apparel consists of a classic black concert dress with  $\frac{3}{4}$  length sleeves, dress stockings and black dress shoes (no open-toed) or black tuxedos with white pleated tuxedo shirt, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black socks, and black dress shoes. YHS Bands will place one order at the beginning of the school year to fulfill these needs. All students are required to pay a one-time \$70 fee for the uniform. YHS owns and lends the tuxedo coats and pants. All other uniform items belong to the students.

## **Learning Goals**

Students will become aware of various ensemble and rehearsal techniques, wind & percussion repertoire, and advanced high school/collegiate level performance techniques. Students will also advance their knowledge in theory, history, pedagogy, etc. through application. Refinement of ensemble skills toward the collegiate level will be an omnipresent goal in every rehearsal.

## **Rehearsal Philosophy**

Rehearsals are not to learn your individual parts – rather they are to learn everyone else's part. Rehearsals are time to work collectively, not individually. Your part is your responsibility. The goal, when we are all together, is to make music, not to learn fingerings or rhythms.

## **Band Values**

Students of Yorkville High School Bands...

- Instill respect and pride for each other, our equipment, and our facilities.
- Create a family-like atmosphere throughout the band.
- Maintain a positive focus with high energy.
- Take initiative ourselves and encourage others to self-motivate.
- Always strive for excellence with a positive attitude.

## **Expectations**

- Instruments, music, and folders must be put away in their assigned areas when not in use.
- Lockers and classrooms should be kept clean of non-music related items
- No food, gum, or beverages will be allowed in rehearsal at any time
- Practice rooms are designed for practicing only. Students are not allowed to use the practice rooms for any other purpose unless given permission by the teacher.

## **Private Lessons**

Students who study their instrument with a qualified private instructor get better on their instrument faster than those who do not. It is no secret that the best musicians in our schools are the ones that take 30 minutes to an hour out of their week and study privately with a professional. It is highly recommended that students in the Wind Symphony take advantage of the opportunity to study with a qualified private instructor from our private instructor list found on our website.

## **Communication**

The Yorkville Music Staff works hard to communicate clearly, concisely, timely, and accurately with students and parents. We utilize many methods of communication listed below. However, the most important tool of communication that we count on is our students. We also communicate through in-school handouts, Music Notes publications, up to date websites ([www.yorkvillemusic.org](http://www.yorkvillemusic.org)), posted announcements in class and on our website, verbal announcements at concerts, email, Canvas, and twitter @yorkvillemusic..

## **Grades**

Student grades are based on individual assessment. Attached is the Y115 grading plan. Retake Policy: Students may arrange review sessions and retakes for individual assessments within the same grading period.

## **Weighted Grades**

9th-12th grade students electing to take Symphonic Band (9236\*) as a weighted grade will follow the weighted grade program requirements which can be obtained on the music department website or from your teacher. Enrollment in the weighted grades program must take place in the first three days of the

school year.

### **Transportation Expectations**

1. All students must ride the school provided transportation to and from away events unless alternate transportation arrangements (with documentation) are made prior to the day of the event.
2. After the event (if alternate transportation is pre-approved) students, with the parent/guardian must sign out with a music teacher.
3. Students may not leave with anyone other than the adult/parent/guardian that has prior authorization to take the student.
4. No alternate transportation arrangements will be made the day of the event.

### **Extra-Curricular Offerings**

Yorkville Music offers several extracurricular music ensemble opportunities for students to be a part of outside of school hours. Students may elect to participate in Marching Band, Color Guard, Jazz Band, Madrigal Strings, Pit Orchestra, Chamber Strings, Handbell Choir, A Cappella Choir, Musical Theater, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and various chamber ensemble opportunities.

### **Important Dates**

#### **September**

- 07 6:00-8:00 pm – Concert Attire Fittings (YHS Band Room) *All Band & Orchestra Students*  
08 6:00-8:00 pm – Concert Attire Fittings (YHS Band Room) *All Band & Orchestra Students*

#### **October**

- 6 11:59 pm – ILMEA Audition Video Submissions Due (Select Students)  
15 11:59 pm – ILMEA Composition Contest and FMES Applications Due (Select Students)  
26 6:30 pm – YHS Bands Concert (YMS Gymnasium) *Symphonic Band, YMS 7th Grade Band*

#### **November**

- 05 All Day – ILMEA District IX Jazz Festival (Plainfield East HS) *Select Students*  
12 All Day – ILMEA District IX Concert Festival (Jacobs HS) *Select Students*  
22 1:30 pm – YHS Prism Concert Chamber Ensemble Auditions (YHS Choir/Orchestra Room)  
25 9:00 am – YHS Prism Concert Tickets On Sale ([www.yorkvillemusic.org](http://www.yorkvillemusic.org))

#### **December**

- 07 3:30-8:30 pm – Prism Concert Dress Rehearsal (YMS Auditorium)  
08 3:30-8:30 pm – Prism Concert Dress Rehearsal - Emergency Weather Date (YMS Auditorium)  
09 7:30 pm – YHS Prism Concert (YMS Auditorium)  
11 1:00, 3:30, 6:00 pm – YHS Prism Concerts (YMS Auditorium)

#### **January**

- 25-28 ILMEA All-State Music Festival/Conference (Peoria, IL) *Select Students*

#### **February**

- 11 All Day – Batavia Band Festival (Batavia HS) - TENTATIVE *Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony*  
18 All Day – YMS/YHS Solo/Ensemble Festival (YHS D-Wing)

21 All Day – Southwest Prairie Conference Band Festival (Oswego HS) *Select Students*

March

04 All Day - Plainfield Invitational Concert Band Festival - TENTATIVE (Plainfield Central HS) *Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band*

17 2:30 pm – Fine Arts Festival Setup (YHS)

18 All Day – Fine Arts Festival Setup (YHS)

23-29 YHS Music Department Orlando Trip (Orlando, FL)

April

15 7:00 pm – YHS/YMS Night of Percussion (YHS) *Select Students*

21-22 7:00 pm – YHS Musical (YMS Auditorium) *Select Students*

23 2:00 pm – YHS Musical (YMS Auditorium) *Select Students*

May

13 5:00 pm – Senior Music Awards Banquet (YHS Cafeteria) *Class of 2023 seniors & families*

15 7:30 pm – YHS Bands Concert (YHS Cafetorium) *Symphonic Band, Concert Band*