

# Wind Symphony Syllabus

## 2019-2020

### **Wind Symphony (9212, 9222\*)**

Wind Symphony 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 advanced wind and percussion literature. All members of this ensemble also participate in full orchestra. Additional performance opportunities include contests, solo literature, chamber ensembles, honor bands, and community events. All members of the Wind Symphony 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 3-4.5 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 the *Classical Black Holly* 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 and 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 the 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 thirty minutes to an hour out of their week and study privately with a professional. It is highly recommended that students in Wind Symphony take advantage of the opportunity to study with a qualified private instructor from the 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, announcements at concerts, email, Canvas, Twitter (@yorkvillemusic), and Remind texting service.

## **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 Wind Symphony (9222\*) 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 Policy**

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) with the parent/guardian must sign out and release the student 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.

### **Important Dates**

#### October

- 01 2:15 pm – ILMEA auditions (Addison Trail HS) *Select Students*  
23 8:00 pm – YHS Bands Concert (YMS Gymnasium) *Concert Band, Wind Symphony*

#### November

- 02 All Day – ILMEA District IX Concert Festival (East Aurora HS) *Select Students*  
12 7:00 pm – ACES 5th Grade Progress Concert (ACES Gymnasium) *Wind Symphony*  
14 7:00 pm – GRES 5th Grade Progress Concert (GRES Gymnasium) *Wind Symphony*  
23 All Day – ILMEA District IX Jazz Festival (Oswego HS) *Select Students*  
26 1:30 pm – YHS Prism Concert Chamber Ensemble Auditions (YHS Choir/Orchestra Room)  
29 9:00 am – YHS Prism Concert Tickets On Sale ([www.yorkvillemusic.org](http://www.yorkvillemusic.org))

#### December

- 11 3:30-8:30 pm – Prism Concert Dress Rehearsal (YMS Auditorium)  
12 3:30-8:30 pm – Prism Concert Dress Rehearsal - Emergency Weather Date (YMS Auditorium)  
13 7:30 pm – YHS Prism Concert (YMS Auditorium)  
15 1:00, 3:30, 6:00 pm – YHS Prism Concerts (YMS Auditorium)

#### January

- 29-31 ILMEA All-State Music Festival/Conference (Peoria, IL) *Select Students*

#### February

- 01 ILMEA All-State Music Festival/Conference (Peoria, IL) *Select Students*  
08 All Day – Batavia Band Festival (Batavia HS)  
18 Southwest Prairie Conference Band Festival (Joliet Central HS) *Select Students*  
22 All Day – YMS/YHS Solo/Ensemble Festival (YHS)

## March

13 2:30 pm – Fine Arts Festival Setup

14 All Day – Fine Arts Festival

## April

18 7:00 pm – YHS/YMS Night of Percussion (YHS) *Select Students*

23-24 Illinois State University Concert Band Festival (ISU) - *TENTATIVE*

24-25 7:00 pm – YHS Musical (YMS Auditorium) *Select Students*

26 2:00 pm – YHS Musical (YMS Auditorium) *Select Students*

26 1:00 – 5:00 pm – Fox Valley Music Festival (East Aurora HS) *Select Students*

27 1:00 – 9:30 pm – Fox Valley Music Festival (East Aurora HS) *Select Students*

30 7:30 pm - YHS Bands Concert (YHS Cafetorium) *Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble*

## May

09 All Day – University of Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival (U of I) - *TENTATIVE*

09 5:00 pm – Senior Music Awards Banquet (YHS Cafeteria) *Class of 2020 seniors & families*

15 6:30 pm – YHS Graduation (NIU Convocation Center – DeKalb, IL)