

## **2019-2020 Magnolia JHS Music: COLORGUARD**

### **Class Syllabus**

**Teacher: Mr. Jenkins**

#### **Course Objectives**

Students will learn to:

- 1) Develop an understanding of the fundamental concepts for the activity of Colorguard.
- 2) Develop proper performance technique for a variety of Colorguard elements, such as:
  - A) Tall Flag
  - B) “Weapons”: Rifle/Sabre (Not functioning weapons, that is just the terminology used)
  - C) Movement and Dance
- 3) Collaborate and perform in large and small ensembles, and individually.
- 4) Develop showmanship skills that are appropriate to grade level.

#### **Class Materials**

The following materials will contribute to the success of learning in this class:

- 1) A good attitude and persistent effort.
- 2) A set of PE-type clothes to wear when we work: Shirt, sport shorts, socks, and tennis shoes.

There are lockers in the classroom for students to use.
- 3) Set of equipment, a list of which will be provided. Available for purchase at cost through Boosters.

There is also a limited amount of equipment available for loan.

#### **Continued participation**

This course is an elective. Students are expected to participate and fulfill course expectations in order to continue enrollment. If a student demonstrates a reluctance to fulfill their commitments to the course requirements, they may be subject to removal.

Students are encouraged to give a full effort at all times. Do not be afraid to make mistakes, it is how we learn.

We are not expecting perfection. Our goal is *LEARNING and GROWTH*.

## **Grading**

Students will be graded based upon observation of participation (daily lessons, practices, and performances), development of required skills, and knowledge of required materials (exercises and choreographed routines). Assessment and evaluations will be of both informal (group observation) and formal (individual testing) formats.

Participation and having required materials (Daily Class time, Practices, and Performances): 50%

Technical Development: 30%

Material Testing: 20%

## **Practices and Performances**

Students are expected to be enrolled in the class during the day, attend afterschool practices, and participate in performances. Any possible conflicts (such as a family emergency or special events) must be made known to the Director by the Parents in a timely manner.

Rehearsals are held regularly after school from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Please refer to calendars and schedules that will be posted online at the classroom website at the following URL.

<https://www.chino.k12.ca.us/Domain/1586>

We normally begin the year with rehearsals once a week, then expand to twice a week on Mondays and/or Wednesdays. For the Christmas parade in December, we will practice the entire week (Monday-Friday) before the parade. Any special rehearsals, which are rare, will be accompanied by an announcement via messaging services and posted online.

These are our traditional performances, unless there is an unforeseen circumstance:

- 1) Perform at a Chino HS football game. PENDING football schedule.
- 2) 10/5: Training for Troy at USC (more information later)
- 3) December: Chino Christmas Parade
- 4) February-April: Competitive performance season (schedule will be sent home by November)
- 5) May: Orientations, Clinics/Auditions, and Finals (in class)

## **Parent Meetings and Support**

We hold a Parent meeting once a month, usually on the second Wednesday of the month, from 7:00-8:00 pm in the MPR at Magnolia. This is an opportunity to hear firsthand about upcoming events, get an updated schedule, and learn about volunteering opportunities. Please make the time to attend.

Please do not hesitate to contact for any questions or concerns by email at [sean\\_jenkins@chino.k12.ca.us](mailto:sean_jenkins@chino.k12.ca.us)

Please date and sign below to show that you have received and reviewed the information regarding this course.

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_