

*Through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Margaret Mary Catholic School forms the minds and hearts of young disciples*

## **Mrs. Spencer's Music Class**

**Attendance and Participation Policy:** Students will receive a participation grade of up to 5 points for every music class they attend and adequately participate. Students who do not show up for class will receive a zero for the day's participation unless their absence is excused by the school or the teacher. Be sure to notify me of excused absences so it is properly reflected in your grades. Lack of participation, such as failing to sing with the class, talking out of turn, or other demerit worthy behaviors, will cause a reduction in the number of earned points for the day. The number of points removed from the student's grade will be based on the number or severity of incidences per class. Students must be in their assigned seats, ready for prayer, when the bell rings. Students who are not in the classroom and do not have a note from a teacher will receive a demerit, and students in the classroom but not in their seats will receive a lack of prep. Before being dismissed from the classroom, students are expected to straighten up in preparation for the next class entering the room. Students will be dismissed when the room is clean and their voices are off. If students do not quiet their voices, they risk being late to their next class without being excused with a note.

**Daily Class Items:** Middle school students are expected to bring these items to music class every time.

- Agenda
- Demerit card
- Pencil
- Any completed assigned homework

**Assignments and Late Work:** Homework assignments are due when class begins at the following class after the assignment was given. Homework due dates may be extended for certain assignments that require more work. Late work will be accepted for partial credit up to one week past the due date. No assignments will be accepted over a week late. No extra credit will be offered, so finish your work and get it returned to me on time. Attendance at concerts will be treated like an assignment where you will receive a grade. There will also be tests throughout the year which will be worth a significant portion of your grade.

**Electronic Device Policy:** No electronic devices are permitted in the music classroom. Any electronic devices brought to music will be confiscated.

**Food and Drink Policy:** Students should not bring any food into the music classroom. Any food must be finished or put away before entering the classroom. If students want to finish their food in the hall before entering the classroom, they may receive a demerit for being late to class if the bell rings before they have entered the classroom. Water in a container with a lid is the only drink allowed in class. Water in noisy bottles may need to be set aside until the end of class if they become a distraction. Chewing gum is never permitted in class.

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Student name

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Parent signature