

COMEAX BAND PROGRAM

CLASS LIST 2013-14

WIND SYMPHONY

The Wind Symphony is the premier performing ensemble in the Comeaux Band Program. Membership is by audition only. These students represent the finest wind and percussion students in the program, grades nine - twelve. Emphasis is placed on the literature being performed for that school year, with some work on scale and scale exercises, as well as, music theory. Concert literature of the finest quality is performed by the Wind Symphony, from standard band classics to contemporary wind works. This class meets during the second period of the school schedule. There are out of class responsibilities for members of this class, such as, rehearsals and performances.

SYMPHONIC BAND

The Symphonic Band is a class designed for the student who is fundamentally sound on his/her instrument, slightly more advanced than a 1st year high school musician. Membership is by audition only. Students continue to hone their skills on their instrument through the use of scales, scale exercises and method books, but more emphasis is placed on the study of the marching or concert literature being performed for that school year. Students are also instructed in the fundamentals of music theory. This class is comprised of mostly sophomore and junior musicians, although there are occasionally freshman or senior musicians enrolled in Symphonic Band. The Symphonic Band meets during the third period of the school schedule. There are out of class responsibilities for members of this class, such as, rehearsals and performances.

CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band is a class designed for the student musician entering his/her first year of high school. Membership is by audition only. Students are instructed on fundamental playing techniques on their particular instrument using: scales and scale exercises, method books, as well as, the marching and concert literature being performed for that school year. Students are also instructed in the fundamentals of music theory. Most students in this class will be freshman, but there are occasionally sophomore, junior or senior musicians enrolled in this course. The Concert Band meets during the first period of the school schedule. There are out of class responsibilities for members of this class, such as, rehearsals and performances.

PERCUSSION CLASS

The Percussion Class is comprised of all percussion students not enrolled in the Wind Symphony. Membership is by audition only. This class concentrates on the fundamental playing habits on all percussion instruments: Snare Drum, Melodic instruments, Timpani, Bass Drum and trap instruments. Meeting during the second period of the school schedule, at the same time as Wind Symphony, allows the entire Comeaux Percussion line to rehearse when needed. Students work on scales and scales exercises, method books for the given instrument and percussion ensemble music, as well as, the marching and concert literature being performed by the concert ensembles and marching band. There are out of class responsibilities for members of this class, such as, rehearsals and performances.

APPLIED MUSIC DANCE

This class is designed for members of the Comeaux "Rhythm in Bleu" dance line. Membership is by audition only. Students are instructed in the fundamentals of dance as they prepare for upcoming performances, such as; football games, dance competitions, local community appearances, basketball games and the Rhythm in Bleu Review held in the Spring semester. The Dance class meets during the seventh period of the school schedule. There are out of class responsibilities for members of this class, such as, rehearsals and performances.

APPLIED MUSIC GUARD

This class is designed for members of the Comeaux Color Guard/Winter Guard. Membership is by audition only. Students are instructed in the fundamentals of spinning flags, rifles and sabers, as well as, dance elements. Preparation for the upcoming performances such as; football games, marching festivals/contests and Winter Guard Shows is accomplished during this class. The Guard class meets during the eighth period (last) of the school schedule. There are out of class responsibilities for members of this class, such as, rehearsals and performances.