

To: Parents and Band Members  
From: Stephanie Tomberlin and Ian Faires

Dear Parents and Students,

“Success comes to those who work for it!” This letter is to inform you of the requirements that are expected of your child during the 2008-2009 school year. All of the requirements listed below are to expand your child’s knowledge of music and to better each student as a performer. Please read and go over the requirements with your child so that everyone shares the same understanding of what is to be expected. After reading, please both you and your child sign the form and return the final part of the letter by Friday, August 29. Let’s all remember that.... “No child rises to low expectations”!! I look forward to another great year here at Porter Ridge Middle School.

1. Students are expected to have all materials in class daily—Instrument, Band Book, Black 1 or 1 1/2 inch three ring Binder (hard binder not the flimsy kind), and Pencil (on music stand ready to use)
2. Students are expected to participate during class each day
3. Students are expected to take their instrument home daily from school—weekdays and weekends
4. Students will be given homework assignments daily—expected practice time is 20 to 30 minutes a day (sometimes longer or shorter depending on the assignment given)
5. Students will have weekly performance tests (approximately 1 to 2 a week)
6. Students will have written assignments periodically (basic music theory)
7. Students will be given written tests (basic theory—approximately twice a month)

8. Students will be expected to perform in a Christmas Concert and a Spring Concert (both counted as a major test grade)
9. Students may be performing in the CONTEST band in March (by invitation only—based on scale pass-offs, attitude, discipline, work ethic, attendance, and dedication throughout the school year)
10. For any performance/concert, students are expected to wear proper **concert attire**: **Young ladies**—solid black outfit (can be a dress or pants and shirt) **Young men**—black pants with a white collared shirt and a tie of any color (all students are required to wear black shoes)
11. Students are expected to be present at all after school rehearsals (held before concerts and contest—counts as a major test grade)
12. Students are expected to pass off 8 Major Scales (Drummers—8 rudiments) by the deadline dates given:

| <u>Scales</u> | <u>Deadline</u> | <u>Drum Rudiments</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| C Major       | September 19    | Multiple Bounce Roll  |
| F Major       | October 17      | 5 Stroke Roll         |
| G Major       | November 14     | 7 Stroke Roll         |
| Bb Major      | December 19     | 9 Stroke Roll         |
| D Major       | January 29      | 17 Stroke Roll        |
| Eb Major      | February 20     | Single Paradiddle     |
| A Major       | March 27        | Flam                  |
| Ab Major      | May 1           | Flam Accent           |

(Each scale/rudiment counts as a major test grade)

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the requirements listed in the previous pages, please feel free to call one of us at Porter Ridge Middle (704-225-7555) or Porter Ridge High School (704-292-7662) or you can email us as well. Thank you for your support and cooperation!!

Musically,

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