

# Parcells Standards of Excellence

## PARCELLS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010 – 2011

# PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

### 1. RESPECT

We are respectful of each other and our school.

### 2. RESPONSIBILITY

We exhibit personal responsibility in meeting or obligations.

### 3. SELF DISCIPLINE

We behave in a way that does not interfere with our own learning and that of others.

### 4. INTEGRITY

We demonstrate honesty and ethical standards in decision making.

### 5. PERSONAL BEST

We give our best effort in school work and behavior

Thursday, September 9

**Entertainment Book Fundraiser Begins**  
(All Students – elective participation)

Monday, Oct. 11– 7:00 p.m.  
Auditorium

**Parent Informational Meeting Regarding Band & Orchestra Trip**  
(Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students)

Saturday, Oct. 23 – All Day  
South HS

**MSBOA String Clinic**  
(Elective participation by 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only)

Monday, October 25

**Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins**  
(All Students – elective participation)

Wednesday, December 1

**Cookie Dough Delivery**

Thursday, Dec. 14 – 7:00 p.m.  
At Parcells

**\*Holiday Instrumental Concert**  
(All Students)

Friday, Jan. 13 – 7:30 p.m.  
At North H.S.

**\*Band – O – Rama**  
(All Band Students)

Saturday, Jan. 14 – 7:30 p.m.  
At North H.S.

**\*String Extravaganza**  
(All Strings Students)

Saturday, Jan. 29 – All Day  
Rochester, HS

**MSBOA District Solo & Ensemble Festival**  
(Elective participation by 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only)

Tuesday, Mar. 1 – 7:00 p.m.  
At Parcells

**\*Pre-Festival Instrumental Concert**  
(All Students)

Friday, March 4 and/or  
Saturday, March 5  
Site TBA

**\*MSBOA District Band & Orch. Festival**  
(7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade groups will perform either Fri or Sat)

Monday, May 9 – 7:00 p.m.  
Instrumental Music Room

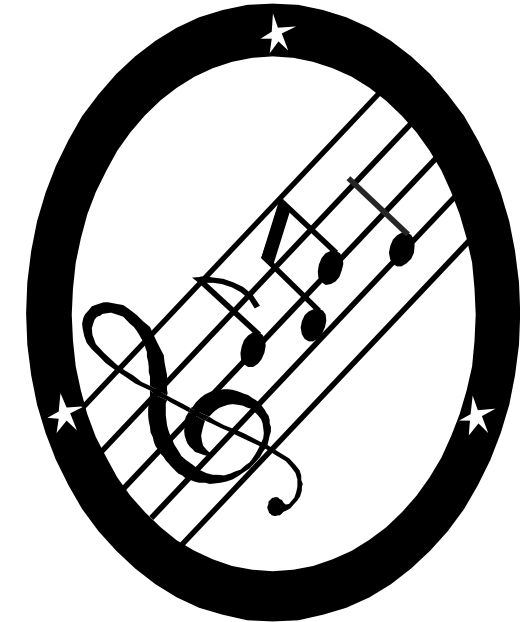
**Final Parent Meeting RE: Band & Orch Trip to Cincinnati**  
(Parents of participating 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students)

Friday, May 13 – Sun., May 15  
Music-in-the-Parks

**Band & Orchestra Cincinnati Trip**  
(7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Only)

Tuesday, June 7 – 6:30 p.m.  
Auditorium

**\*Spring Pops Concert/Ice Cream Social**  
(All Students)



# HANDBOOK

for

# STUDENTS AND PARENTS

# 2010- 11

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## I. DISCIPLINE

- A. The success of any organization is dependent upon the discipline of its members. Therefore, students must recognize and fulfill their responsibilities in band or orchestra, to abide by the following rules:
1. Be prepared for all rehearsals and performances by:
    - a. Practicing regularly.
    - b. Having all necessary materials.
    - c. Maintaining equipment in proper working condition.
  2. Conduct yourself in a manner which will contribute to the musical progress within your ensemble by:
    - a. Respecting one another.
    - b. Observing proper rehearsal etiquette.
  3. Abide by all rules governing student conduct and attendance, as established by the Parcels Code of Conduct.
- B. Behavior which is disruptive to the educational process will result in the following consequences:
1. 1st offense - verbal warning, student/teacher discipline slip filed, loss of participation points.
  2. 2nd offense - detention, student/teacher discipline slip filed, parent contact, loss participation points.
  3. 3rd offense (and each subsequent offense) - administrative discipline referral, loss of participation points.

## II. ATTENDANCE AT REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Performance is the culmination of practice and rehearsals and is an essential element to a complete musical education. Therefore, concert attendance is a required part of all instrumental music courses at Parcels. A calendar of required activities is included on the back cover of this handbook so that conflicts can be resolved well in advance.

- A. Absence Policy
1. The following are considered excused absences:
    - a. illness of student or family member
    - b. absences which have been discussed by parent and teacher and agreed upon at least two weeks prior to performance.
    - c. absences of an emergency nature.
  2. Any absence from a performance will require a make-up writing assignment. Those with excused absences can receive full credit for their make-up work, while those unexcused will receive only half credit.

- B.. Tardy Policy
1. Students must report for required activities by the specified time or will be considered tardy.
  2. Tardiness will result in a lowered grade.

## III. UNIFORMS

- A. 6th Grade Uniform
1. The 6th grade uniform will consist of:
    - Dark pants or skirts (i.e. black or navy).
    - White shirt/blouse without tie.
    - Dark shoes and socks.
- B. 7th and 8th Grade Uniform
1. The 7th & 8th grade uniform will consist of:
    - Parcels Band & Orchestra shirt (Purchased by student).
    - Black pants, socks, and shoes.
    - All medals earned through instrumental music events.

## IV. CHAIR AUDITIONS

- A. Auditions (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only)
1. Auditions will be held for each section of the Band and Orchestra at the beginning of the school year. Any additional tryouts will be held only at the discretion of the teacher.
  2. Auditions will consist of music from the folders, books, and/or scales.
  3. The teacher may also include sight-reading
  4. Students must understand that each person is equally important to the band or orchestra regardless of chair position.

## V. MUSIC FOLDERS

- A. Responsibilities
1. Students are responsible for the care of all music in their folders.
  2. All music must be present at each rehearsal.
- B. Failure to accept these responsibilities may result in the following consequences:

1. Lowered grade for not having all necessary materials in class.
2. Fine of \$1.00 per page for lost or destroyed music.
3. Fine of \$7.00 for lost or destroyed book.

## VI. INSTRUMENT REQUIREMENTS

Students who play flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion, and violin are expected to provide their own instrument for use in the instrumental program. Other instruments will be issued to students for use during the school year at no charge. Local music stores have several options to assist students in the rental and/or purchase of an instrument. Equipment requirements and rental options for each class will be discussed in detail at the first class meeting.

## VII. INSTRUMENT STORAGE

All instrument cases must have a name tag which includes student name, class, and phone number.

## VIII. GRADING POLICY

Students' grades are based upon their class participation as well as testing. Performance is an essential part of a complete musical education and therefore, all required performances are considered tests. A more detailed explanation of the grading policy will be given to students at the beginning of the school year.

## IX. INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships for summer music enrichment activities such as music camp, private lessons, and band & orchestra trips are available to Parcels Instrumental Music students of all grades. Each student is eligible for scholarship funds equal to the amount raised through instrumental music fundraisers less any scholarships already received. Scholarships are paid out as a reimbursement of expenses for approved activities. Scholarship applications can be found on our website or obtained from the teacher.

## X. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ENSEMBLES

Extra-curricular ensembles such as Jazz Band are intended to be an extension of the Parcels Instrumental Music Program. Students who are enrolled in an instrumental music class may participate in these ensembles in an effort to further their musical education. Students must consider their elected participation in extra-curricular ensembles as a commitment and regular attendance at rehearsals is expected. Rehearsal times for extra-curricular ensembles will be determined in advance and announced by the teacher. Teachers reserve the right to remove students from extra-curricular ensembles as a result of poor attendance.