

Student Name: _____



WPMS BANDS PRACTICE RECORD

Advanced Symphonic Band

Week of November 20th – November 26th, 2023 (Week 13 – Happy Thanksgiving!)

*** Due Monday, November 27th ***

WHAT – Do I Practice This Week?

- WINDS ONLY: Practice Warm-Up 1A, 1B, 1C & Warmup Set #1 (lip slurs) – GOOD TONE ONLY!!!
- PERCUSSION ONLY: – Practice Exercises #21-#38 in Snare Book. Practice #1-#17 in Mallet Book.
- ALL: Review/Practice Concert F, Bb, & Eb Major Scales, and Bb Chromatic Scale. “Down The Line” Playing Tests.
- ALL: Practice 8th note sections (ostinato) of “The Tempest.” DON’T RUSH!!! CONTROL!!! Pitch!! Don’t overplay!
- Practice “Psalm 42” with a focus on GOOD TONE!! No breaths on barlines, think about “stagger breathing.”
- ALL: Don’t forget sectionals - 3:45-4:45 on Tuesday!
- DO NOT BE TARDY! You should be in your seat, with your necessary equipment, when the bell rings. Be ready to rehearse!
- **Remember that we have a concert coming up on 12/11!!! YOU WILL NEED CONCERT BLACK!! REFER TO THE HANDBOOK!**

WHY – Am I Practicing This?

- We are continuing to refresh and improve existing skills, and expand with new skills. This is a good approach to any learned activity, to ensure success.
- Sectionals show us how to work and listen together in small groups (section) that are part of a larger organization (symphonic band). This is crucial for band, but also a common practice in many professional, community, and social settings. An ability to reliably attend, participate, and contribute in this way will translate to other areas of life.
- Proper attire is necessary for many situations in life, including workplaces, formal events, and BAND! Planning for this is an important, practical life skill.

HOW – Will I Know I Can Demonstrate These Skills?

- Mr. Bellon will assess and give feedback on how to improve in class. You will also be able to self-assess by using critical listening skills.
- Attending sectionals, on-time, with required equipment, and actively working to be better during that time is demonstrating the skills of effort and reliability.
- When I have a formal, black outfit appropriate for concert performances. This is concert black.

Write the number of minutes you practiced each day in the box below. Please practice AT LEAST 20 minutes each night, with a maximum of 2 days off each week. **Band is a physical skill and, much like strength training, we are developing muscles (they are just small muscles!). Frequency is key. Goal is a minimum of 100 minutes of practice per week, with each practice record being a total of 100 points (each minute = 1 point)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____