

# MARCHING BAND/VARSITY BAND

## COURSE SYLLABUS 2009-2010

Mr. Bradley / Mrs. Marsh

This course emphasizes playing skills, as well as advanced theory, analysis and listening skills. You are also encouraged and expected to offer creative input and innovation into your learning.

**There is a class fee for this class. The fee is \$50.00. The fee is broken down as follows: 1) uniform fee (cleaning, gloves and shoe rental) \$25.00 2) Activity card. YOU MUST PURCHASE AN ACTIVITY CARD. The cost of the activity card has gone up to \$30.00**

Grades will be based on the following:

1. Participation in Performances. Participation in all performances is mandatory! Any absences must be cleared with the teacher in advance. The teacher has the right to accept or refuse an excuse, based on the circumstances. Work schedules are not acceptable excuses--it is the student's responsibility to inform employers of performances and to clear schedules. FAILURE TO CLEAR ABSENCES IN ADVANCE WILL RESULT IN A FAILING GRADE FOR THAT PERFORMANCE. Performances for this term are as follows:

<u>Football</u>	<u>Volleyball</u>	<u>Marching Contests</u>
Aug 28, Parents night 6:00 p.m.	Sept.15, 5:00 p.m.	Sept. 26 Home Show?
Sept. 18, 6:00 p.m.	Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m.	Oct. 3 G.I. Harvest
Oct. 2, 6:00 p.m.	Sept 22, 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 17 Lincoln
Oct. 9 Homecoming 6:00 p.m.	Oct. 22, 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 24 State Marching
Oct. 23, 6:00 p.m.	Veteran's Day Parade November 11 <sup>th</sup>	

REMINDER ALSO THAT ALL-STATE TRYOUTS WILL BE OCT. 10TH IN OGALLALA!!

Nov 18-20-- ALL-STATE TBA  
Dec. 15 2009--VARSITY BAND @ PAC- 7:30 P.M.  
Feb. 2 - SWEET AFFAIR OF THE ARTS 5:30 P.M.  
Feb. 8- JAZZ FESTIVAL IN GRAND ISLAND TBA  
Feb. 9- BAND/ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7:30 PAC  
Mar. 30- TALENT SHOW 6:30 @ PAC  
April 16 -MUSIC CONTEST AND PASTA NIGHT NPHS 5:00 P.M.  
April 22-23-- GREELEY JAZZ FESTIVAL TBA  
May 3- MUSIC BANQUET @ 6.P.M.  
May 7--SPECTRUM IN SOUND 7:00 P.M. @ PAC  
May 16- GRADUATION @ 1:15 Bauer Field  
May 21 --JAZZ TRIP TO DENVER @ TBA

2. Participation in class. It is very important that you come to class prepared to work each and every day. This includes being on time, having all the materials needed for class that day, having assignments prepared, and coming with a positive attitude. You will be given a daily grade for your participation.

3. Daily and Weekly Assignments. You will be given regular homework assignments to develop theory, notation, listening and analysis skills. These should be completed in a timely and accurate manner.

4. Playing Quizzes. Playing quizzes will be given on a regular basis to check for the memorization of music for marching band. At least once per term, you will be given a playing quiz to check for knowledge of scales and sight reading ability. Grades will be based on performance and improvement.

5. Extra Credit. You may arrange with me to do additional projects that interest you, such as composing a song, arranging a song, research papers, or preparing a solo or small ensemble for extra credit. The projects must be approved by the teacher IN ADVANCE. Extra Credit may also be earned by performing outside of the regular school activities. You must give me a program from the performance to show that you participated to earn your credit.

Grades are weighted as follows:

Participation in concerts and Participation in class	75%
Daily assignments	15%
Playing quizzes	10%

Homework is due when class starts. Any homework not completed at the beginning of class is considered late. Late papers will be lowered one letter grade.

Absence Policy. In the case of absence, you should contact me for any assignments that were missed and to arrange a 15 minute lesson to cover the items missed in rehearsal. If it is a prearranged absence, you MUST contact me before the missed class. If not, you should contact me on the day of return.

Tardy Policy- The first tardy is a freebie. 2nd tardy warning, 3rd tardy 15 minute detention, parent notification, doubled if skipped. 4th tardy 30 minute detention, parent notification, office referral if skipped. 5th offense office referral.

Instrument Check-Out. You may check out instruments from me the first week of class or as the need arises. Instruments checked out to you are YOUR responsibility. Any damage done to the instrument when it is turned back in will be repaired and the repairs will be charged to you similar to book fines.

Music. Printed music is becoming more expensive every year. Each selection usually runs around \$60. That, times 20 - 30 pieces for marching band, and 3-4 pieces for each ensemble for each concert and you will understand what a huge expense this is for us. Therefore it is very important that you TAKE CARE of your music. Do not lose, damage, mangle or otherwise deface your music (no ink pens, please). You will be charged the replacement cost for any parts that are lost or destroyed.

Uniforms. Uniforms will be checked out to all students. A record will be kept of the numbers of each of the pieces, and the condition that they are in when they are checked out. Students who already have uniforms out need to turn in the numbers from the coat and pant and note any damage that may be done to them. At the end of the year they will be turned in and fines for any damages or loss will be assessed.

Finally, I am always here to help you. If you have questions, concerns, or would like to schedule some extra time for help on any aspect of the things being covered in class, please feel free to do so.

## LETTER POINTS

Letters will be awarded to all students who are members of the North Platte High School Bands for the school year and who earn at least 100 points based on the following scale. Medals will be awarded to students earning 150 points. Letters and medals will be awarded at the band banquet at the end of the year.

- I. Grades: Grade of A for the entire year--10 points. (2.5 per term)  
Grade of B for the entire year--5 points. (1.25 per term)
- II. Band Officer--10 points if position held for entire year.
- III. Performance at required performances--5 points per performance for home football games, marching contests and concerts. 2 points for pep bands.
- IV. Honor Bands (All State, Hastings, etc.)  
Audition--10 points, Accepted--10 points
- V. Member of Contest Group  
Member (regular rehearsal)--5 points  
Superior Rating -- 10 points
- VI. Solo or Small group for class or a concert-- 5 points per performance with my approval.

VII. Research Project.-- up to 5 points per paper, limit one per term with my approval. Projects must have bibliography. Projects are only towards lettering not medaling.

VIII. Concert Attendance -- 2 points per concert, up to 10 points. You need to write a response and turn in a program to get the points.

IX. Outside performances -- 1-5 points per performance. with a maximum of 10 points. You need to turn in a program showing that you were a member of the performing group.

I have read the Bulldog Band class syllabus with my son/daughter and understand the expectations set forth therein. I understand that this will be my first reference for information, and that I am free to call the directors at any time with questions regarding the program.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_