High School
Back To School Night 2018

Welcome to the Music Department!

Music Boosters

Become an active part of the Music Booster Organization!

OUR NEXT MEETING IS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 2018
7:00PM
ROOM A4

Website: http://www.cresskillmusic.org/music-boosters/

Email: cresskillmusicboosters@gmail.com

“Many hands makes for little work” -

Support your Music Department!

Get all of our up-to-date information at our Music Department website -

www.cresskillmusic.org

****Receive Department emails by accepting invites as a guardian to your child's Google Classroom account****

MusicFirst Online Classroom

Students will have the opportunity to record, write and create music using the MusicFirst Online Classroom. Each student has a username and password to access the site from any computer.

Links to the online classroom will be posted on each class web page. Look for this icon!



Department Information

- Students have class every day period 9
- Students who are in both band AND choir will alternate each day (starting in November)
- All musicians should come every day with their music folders/binders, pencils, instruments and a positive attitude!
- Holiday Concert - December 20, 2018
- Spring Concert - May 9, 2019
- Various fundraisers available now to help with opportunities for travel in the future (fundraisers listed on handout)

Chorus Information

- MusicFirst assignments may include:
  - Musition/Auralia Lessons
  - Sight Reading Factory Practice Exercises
- Recorded Music Tests
  - May sometimes be done in class using personal recording devices, or at home using MusicFirst.
- Students are at varying ability and experience levels. Students will be graded according to their level of improvement, not in comparison to each other.

Choir Grading

- Performance
  - Song Tests - prior or immediately after the concert
    - to help the students learn the music and evaluate their progress
- Homework/Classwork
  - Practice their music - 15-30 minutes daily using rehearsal tracks
    - To help students learn their music
  - Small assignments throughout the year on MusicFirst
    - To enhance their music reading ability and general vocal technique
- Rehearsal Etiquette and Participation
  - All students begin with 100% and can gain/lose points based on their preparedness for class and exhibiting proper rehearsal etiquette

Marching Band

- Students are graded on attendance and participation at all rehearsals and performances
  - Absence excuse forms must be handed in at least 2 school days prior to the absence.
  - If excused, students will receive an assignment to make up grade for the missed event.
  - Please make every attempt to schedule doctor appointments, college visits and other events around the schedule.

Marching Band Grading

- Attendance to performances/rehearsals/band camp
- Music performance quizzes
  - Based on improvement
  - Takes into account various grade, ability and experience levels
- Drill study assignments
- Rehearsal etiquette - 9th period

Bergen County Invitational Band Competition

- Sunday, September 30, 2018 - Bergenfield High School
  - Tentative schedule has us on at 3pm.
- There is no fee due to participate. Tickets are available at the door

Rutgers University Performance

- Saturday, October 6, 2018
  - Schedule TBA around Monday, October 1 based on the BIG 10 television schedule
- There is no fee due to participate. Contact Mr. Verderese if you would like to order tickets to the game and did not order through our permission slip.

Band Festival

- November 4, 2018 - Montclair State University
- All day event - arrival back at CHS approximately 11:30pm
- $35 fee includes 2 tickets to show, dinner after the festival, custom designed cakes and 1 band t-shirt
- Money is due no later than Wed, October 31
- We are the finale band and should perform somewhere between 7:15pm and 8:00pm. Our drum line will play the cadences for the other 16 bands to re-enter the field for the finale and Mr. Verderese will conduct the massed band finale of America the Beautiful.
- Please bring $6 (exact change) for parking

Concert Band Information

- Students are at varying ability and experience levels. Students will be graded according to their level of improvement, not in comparison to each other.
- Music Tests
  - Recorded tests may be done at home or in the practice rooms here at school
  - Live tests will be performed in the music office in front of Mr. Verderese or Mrs. Ofshinsky

Concert Band Grading

- Performance
  - Band Music Tests - 3-4 per semester - in music office or recorded on MusicFirst
    - to ensure that all band members have practiced their concert music
- Homework/Classwork:
  - Various small assignments throughout the year
- Class Participation/Rehearsal Etiquette
  - all students begin with 100% and can gain/lose points based on their preparedness for class and ability to follow rules

Proposed Trip to Nashville, Tennessee
(pending board approval)

- Dates - March 13-17
- Approximate Cost - $950.00
- Class Impact - Will miss school on Thursday, 3/13 and Friday, 3/14
- Highlights include:
  - Accomodations at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel
  - Marching Band performance at St. Patrick's Day Parade in nearby Erin, TN
  - Choir adjudicated performance and clinic
  - Band and Choir trip to "Studio B" including recording session (Pending availability)
  - See a show at the Grand Old Opry
  - Country Music Hall of Fame
  - Much more . . . . . .

THANK YOU!

Enjoy the rest of your evening!