Middle School
Back To School Night 2018

Welcome to the 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 3, 4, or 8)
- Students who are in both band AND choir will alternate each day
- All musicians should come every day with their music folder/binders, pencils, instruments and a positive attitude!
- Holiday Concert - December 13, 2018
- Spring Concert - May 16, 2019
- Various fundraisers available now to help with opportunities for travel in the future (fundraisers listed on handout)

Band Information

- 7th and 8th grade will perform together on concerts
- 6th grade will perform as its own band on concerts
- Small group lessons will rotate around four different periods
  - Students should inform their lesson teachers in advance if they need to miss their lesson.
  - Students should check in with their classroom teacher on their way to their lesson.
- Students are at varying ability and experience levels. Students will be graded according to their level of improvement, not in comparison to each other.

Chorus Information

- 6th, 7th and 8th grade will perform together on the concert
- 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.
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Band Grading

- Performance
  - Scale Tests - approx 2/month - in front of the class -
    - to help the students learn the notes of their instruments
  - 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:
  - Rhythm Worksheets - approx 2/month -
    - to help students learn how to read and understand rhythms
  - 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

8th Grade Band Night

(w/the HS Marching Band)

- Friday, October 19, 2018
  - Designed to give 8th graders a sneak peak into high school band to see what it is all about
  - Optional activity
  - Permission slips are due by Monday, September, 17
  - Students who play non-marching band instruments can start thinking about what their plan is for next year.
  - We can even loan instrument to students who will need to switch to a secondary instrument so they can start learning now

Music Boosters

Become an active part of the Music Booster Organization!

OUR NEXT MEETING IS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 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!