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What is Indoor Percussion Ensemble?

Indoor percussion is an extra curricular ensemble offered by the Mt. Healthy Instrumental Music Department. The ensemble is a member of the Tri-State Circuit for the Pageantry Arts. The ensemble will practice 3 times per week and compete in 3 regular competitions and Tri-State Circuit Championships.

Student Expectations

It is expected that student choosing to be in this ensemble attend ALL rehearsals. Due to the nature of music ensembles, it should be understood that this extra curricular activity should be put before others. This is due to the amount of information that will be covered in each rehearsal. To put this in perspective we took 1 week or 12 hour days to learn the marching band drill. In indoor percussion we will spend 2-3 days of 6 hour rehearsals to learn the entire drill. Simply missing rehearsal will be unacceptable to Mr. Espy and the other members of the ensemble.

Attendance Policy

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Auditions

All students will audition for the ensemble. The audition will happen in large ensemble. And may consist of individual playing. It is much more important to me to understand how you play with the full group and not individually. The needs of our ensemble this year are as follows:

Battery Percussion (Marching Drums)

2 Snares
2 Quads
4 Bases

Front Ensemble (Keyboard/Accessory)

3-4 Marimbas
2 Vibraphone
1 Xylophone
1-4 Accessory Percussionists
Synthesizer
Bass Guitar
Guitar

Communication

We are fortunate enough to have a website. All information including rehearsal schedules, competition itineraries, and scores will be posted here. Music will also be available under password protection. User Names/Passwords will be given out at the meeting. Please take advantage of our website and all of its features.

www.mthbands.org

Cost

Each member will pay between \$40-50 to be in the ensemble. The fee will be set when we finalize our membership numbers. This helps offset the cost of music, uniforms, and contest fees. This is a nominal fee as most scholastic ensembles fees total at 10 times the cost.

For Parents and Students

I have read the Indoor Percussion Information handout for parents and students. I understand and agree to abide by its contents and any amendments of which reasonable notice has been given. I am committed to membership in the Mt. Healthy High School Indoor Percussion Ensemble for 2009-10. I will abide by all rules and regulations and give my best to myself and the Band. I also understand that I am financially responsible for membership fees.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____