**COURSE OUTLINE 2017-2018**

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

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Welcome to the band program at Lethbridge Christian School! I look forward to meeting and getting to know you as we build our community. We will strive for musical excellence through the development of skills, knowledge and expression while enjoying the musical experience.  **General Information:**All students will receive 3 periods of band per week.  During these periods each student is responsible for the following materials:1.       Instrument 2.      Instrument supplies (3 reeds, cork grease, valve oil, slide grease)3.       Music and folder4.      Method book5.       Pencil **Practice Routine:**All students will be expected to establish a regular practice routine to learn: **a.**Scales **b.**Exercises from Method Book **c.**Music for concertsStudents are required to practice a minimum of **75** minutes per week.  A practice sheet will be provided the first week of school or may be printed directly from this webpage: <http://gmcfarlane.weebly.com/>. Parents/guardians are to sign this sheet each week.

**Concert Dress** is required for public performances and includes black pants or a long skirt for girls, white dress shirt or blouse, black socks/nylons, and dark shoes.  ***Jeans or yoga pants are not permitted unless special permission given by the director.***

**Grading Procedures
Practical:**At home practice (practice sheets – minimum 75 minutes per week)            15%                                                                                                                                                         ***Instrumental Tests, Written tests and assignments***    70%

**Responsibility:** 15%Attendance at concerts and extra/regular rehearsals    Punctuality – marks deducted tardiness

Being Prepared - supplies           ***\*Instrumental Tests are evaluated on the following:***PostureRhythmic AccuracyNote AccuracyTone Quality(air control, focus, embouchure consistency, warm resonance)Articulation(attacks, releases, slurs, and style)Expression(tempo, dynamics, tone colour)

**PARENTS, GUARDIANS:**

Please *read it carefully and sign* below to indicate that you are aware of the information provided. **Students are to hand this outline in with a signature as their first assignment.** The assignment will be marked as “Complete”. Should you have any questions please feel free to call me at the school (403) 320-0677 or email me at Graeme.mcfarlane@lethsd.ab.ca.

Parent’s Signature: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please indicate if you are willing to be part of a band parent volunteer list.**

 Yes, I am interested in helping volunteer my time for the band program!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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