

# Millbury Jr. Sr. High School Music Department

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## **Orbit I**

Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Orbit Class. The way the schedule is configured, we will be covering the same materials in both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes to make sure that you are all at the same level once you enter into high school. The purpose of this class is to give you a basic understanding of music since it is pertinent to many of our lives. Hopefully, once you have taken the course you will be able to think and respond to music at a different level than you have before, and will appreciate it more.

Any rule that applies throughout the school also applies to the Music Room and Class. No one is to ever touch or play an instrument in the room at any time unless permission is granted! This rule is serious and carries heavy consequences if not followed. If you play or touch an instrument you will get an automatic discipline. If things go well we will get a chance to play with some instruments including some drums and the keyboards. However, this is a privilege and can be taken away. Absolutely NO GUM or FOOD is allowed in the Music Room.

I plan on having a fun term with you, hopefully learning a lot as we go along. There will be some assignments, a few quick quizzes, and some projects. There will be no surprises and you will know everything you need to with enough time to prepare for everything. You and your classmates basically chose the path of the semester by your behavior and how quickly we can get through the material.

## **Topics**

1. *Music Basics*
2. *Music Vocabulary & Instrument Families*
3. *Music History*
4. *Music Genres*
5. *Music Technology including Audacity, Noteflight, Soundation*
6. *Keyboards*

**Materials:** Please be prepared for class with the following materials.

- Writing utensil
- Folder
- Worksheets
- Hand out notes
- Music Journal

**Grading:** There is a chance for extra credit by attending concerts and events outside and inside of the school system. Please check with me first to approve the concert. You will attend the concert and write a mini-review about it and provide proof of attendance (ticket stub, sign-in etc.)

\*This is being done to promote the attendance of school events and concerts as well as expanding your knowledge. Please take pride in being respectable audience members at all times and be polite to your classmates.

## **Grading Rubric:**

Behavior/On Task		25%
Each Unit x 8	(About 8% per)	65%
Journal		10%
	Total Percentage	100%