

Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Music Class

Dear Parents,

I am excited to share with you the Ohio Music Content Standards. The reason for my excitement is that not every state has completed "music" standards. Your children will be learning from a clear, rigorous curriculum developed by top music educators.

OHIO MUSIC CONTENT STANDARDS

Historical, Cultural and Social Contexts
Creative Expression and Communication
Analyzing and Responding
Valuing Music/Aesthetic Reflection
Connections, Relationships and Applications

Once Students have reached middle school/junior high we will study music of different time periods, cultures, and music in today's society. Students will also develop their musical vocabulary in order to creatively express and communicate their opinions on a varied repertoire of music. Finally students will demonstrate an understanding of reasons why people value music and gain respect for diverse opinions regarding music preferences.

I am here to help you help your child find his or her place in a musical world. In class we will accomplish this through listening, singing, playing, creating, moving, or composing. You can help your child discover these and other aspects of music in many ways, from attending concerts or providing private lessons or listening to your favorite music at home.

I look forward to working with your children to develop new skills and concepts to form the foundation for a lifetime of musical expression and enjoyment. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at school.

Musically,

Robert Bethune