



martin middle school piano

Handbook



2018 - 2019

MARTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL PIANO HANDBOOK



CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- I. **All students are to show respect.**
 - a. Respect yourself
 - b. Respect each other
 - c. Respect your director
 - d. Respect the music
- II. **All students are to equally contribute to our success**
 - a. Do your best at all times
 - b. Ask for help when needed
 - c. Complaints and excuses do not belong in the chorus room
 - d. You are a musician – Be a musician at all times
- III. **All students must seek to make a positive impact on our chorus, our school and our world on a daily basis.**
 - a. Find ways to make others smile daily
 - b. Encourage the creative efforts of others
 - c. Always leave the chorus room in better shape than you found it
 - d. Negativity has no place in anyone's life and certainly not in the chorus room

REQUIRED MATERIALS



Listed below are the things that you will need to bring with you to class every day. Please be sure that you have these things no later than the second week of classes.

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| 2-pocket folder: | This will be used to hold loose-leaf papers, repertoire, music glossary, rhythm charts, sight-singing examples, etc. |
| 2 sharpened pencils | Pencils should be used on all chorus assignments unless otherwise specified |

ROOM POLICIES



Tardies:

Class begins at the late bell. You are expected to be on time to every class. Being on time means being seated, having all your materials (music folder, paper, pencil) ready at the beginning of class. If you are tardy, you must have a pass from either the teacher who detained you or the attendance office. If you are late, you must sign the "Tardy Sheet." Being tardy automatically lowers your grade to a "C" for that day unless an acceptable pass is provided.

Restroom Passes

Instructional time is very valuable! When you are not in class, you are missing crucial rehearsal moments that cannot be duplicated. Therefore, time out of the classroom should be kept to a minimum. However, emergencies do happen. For this reason, when you have to go grab the bathroom pass from the stand and go. Please be responsible with your bathroom privilege. Students who are out of class excessively for bathroom issues will have points taken off of their daily grade. Also, remember that you are responsible for any work or music missed while out of the room.

Chorus Room Equipment

Students should not use any equipment in the chorus room without the permission of Ms. Thomas. This includes pianos, computers, TV's, Ms. Thomas' personal belongings, etc. Failure to get permission before touching equipment will result in a lunch detention.

Gum, Candy, Food, & Non-Water Beverages

All gum, candy, and non-water beverages are to be placed in the trash can immediately upon entering the chorus room. Water bottles are permitted.

Cell Phones, iPods, & Other Electronic Devices

Personal electronic devices are great learning tools and can be quite helpful in learning music. But they can also be distracting, thus devices are not permitted without permission from Ms. Thomas. These items will be confiscated for the remainder of the school day if they are being used without permission. If a parent needs to reach you or you them, please have them contact the school's front office.

Storage Room, Practice Room & Office

These rooms are not to be used without permission.

PROCEDURES



When you enter the class...

- Go immediately to your assigned seat with your folder and a pencil
- Look at the board and get started on the Beginning of Class Assignment (BOCA)
- Once the BOCA is complete, place your work in your folder
- Begin reviewing notes in your music from the last rehearsal

If you are tardy...

- Bring your pass to Ms. Thomas
- If you do not have a pass sign the Tardy Sheet
- Get started on the BOCA
- If you do not complete the BOCA within the allotted time, then it is to be completed for homework to be turned in the next day.

If you are absent...

- Ask Ms. Thomas for the assignment that you missed. Complete it at home and bring it in when you return to school or, at the latest, by the second day that you return to school.
- If you know ahead of time that you will be absent, ask a friend to record your part of the music that we are covering.
- Being absent is not an excuse to fall behind

At the end of class

- When the bell rings, stay seated until you have been dismissed by Ms. Thomas
- Getting up without being dismissed will result in lunch detention

**GRADING**

Chorus is a graded class. This grade will be based on much more than simply showing up and being a warm body in the room. There will be tests (written tests and singing tests), quizzes, projects, and homework. This is how your chorus grade will be broken down:

Major Summative **50%**

Performances

Tests

Projects

Minor Summative **40%**

BOCA

Quizzes

Classwork & Class Preparedness

Homework **10%**

I affirm that I have read over the piano handbook. I understand all of its expectations, rules and policies.

I affirm that I and my child have signed up for Remind. I understand that Ms. Thomas will not be sending home paper reminders unless I request them. I understand that if ever I have questions about piano, I can always reach out to Ms. Thomas via email, text or in person at Martin from 7:00 – 8:15 or 2:15 – 2:45.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return by Friday, September 7th

