

Branham High School Music Department

Guitar Performance

Mrs. Diane Wyant

2012-2013 fall/spring semesters

Course Description:

Branham's Guitar Performance is designed for students with previous acoustic string instrument experience. Students must supply their own string instrument such as guitar, fiddle, ukulele, etc. The course will cover sections in song writing, music theory, improvisation, and small group performance. Students will work in "garage band style" settings with one another in order to design original compositions. In addition, students will be encouraged to work on and perform rock classics.

Course Goals:

The goals of the ensemble are to achieve all course objectives through practice and performance. In addition, the individuals' goal is to reach their highest potential in musical creativity.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the 2012-2013 school year the Guitar student will be able to:

1. explain the means and methods for structuring ideas into lyrics and melodies.
2. increase their knowledge of musical genres through analyzing performances.
3. understand and create texture in music.
4. perform original acoustic compositions.
5. perform a cover of a familiar chart. (i.e. rock, pop, country, blues)
6. improvise and perform a basic blues progression
7. read basic Tab.
8. perform confidently in front of their peers.
9. create musical expression.
10. define and analyze standard song forms.
11. explain the process of producing chart.
12. define and apply knowledge of basic music theory.
13. understand the progression of popular music from the 20th century to now.
14. Utilize *youtube* as a learning tool for developing musical ideas.

Required Materials:

Each student will need to have the following items:

1. Acoustic instrument in good working condition supplied by the student.
2. a spiral bound notebook for writing lyrics.
3. a lot of pencils!
4. a rhyming dictionary
5. a small recording device to be brought into class. (Digital Audio recorder- such as Sony or Olympus)
6. an active *youtube* account

Guitar Grading Policy:

30% - class participation/group contribution
30% - performances
20% - *you-tube* postings/presentations,
20% - in class worksheets/homework

A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = 59% and below

All student *youtube* postings must be emailed to Mrs. Wyant at:
bhsmusic2012@gmail.com

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Parent Agreement 2012-13

I _____ have read the course information for Branham High School's Guitar course, and understand that my child, _____, will need the listed materials. I also understand that my child will need a *youtube* account to observe and critique acoustic performers that will be reviewed by the course instructor. I am also aware that the semester final projects will be video recorded and posted as a group assignment on *youtube* in December 2012 as well as May 2013.

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Date