



September 2015

Dear Parents,

While enrolled in the Music Department at Fairfield Woods your child will participate in a variety of activities that are designed to develop many musical skills. Please read the below Behavior Expectations and Habits of Mind and review them with your child. When students follow these guidelines we have excellent classes.

Behavior Expectations

1. Arrive to class on time with the proper materials.
2. Teacher directions are followed the first time.
3. Raise hands before being recognized to speak.
4. All school owned materials must be used properly & with teacher permission. Students do not handle another child's instrument.
5. Maximize class time by managing trips to the bathroom & water fountains before/ after classes.

Habit of Mind

1. Listen to others & strive for accuracy.
2. Apply past knowledge to new situations.
3. Manage impulsivity.
4. Think interdependently. Take care of one another.
5. Gather data through all the senses.
6. Treat each other kindly.

Consequences

In the event a student is unable to follow the rules listed above, there are a series of consequences which may follow.

First time – verbal or visual reminder

Second time – verbal or visual warning

Third time – lunch detention

Fourth time – student may be sent to the Dean, called to a conference, &/or receive phone call/email to parents

Severe misbehavior (abusive language, fighting, misuse of school equipment) – student may be sent to the Dean without discussion or warnings.

Rewards

Every year the FWMS Music Department takes each grade on a music performance field trip. Students who develop great habits and follow the guidelines on this contract will be allowed to participate in this reward trip. Positive, engaged participation will also result in creative, productive classes and exceptional performances! Eighth graders are eligible for year-end awards based on outstanding behavior, leadership and musicianship. We look forward to the coming year to be both positive and rewarding.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mendy Midzenski, Mr. Geoffrey Brookes, Mr. Rodger Bryan, Mr. Jim Buchta, Mr. Jeff DesRosier, Ms. Carole-Jean Frawley, and Mrs. Cheryl Labrecque

*Please flip to the opposite side for our concert calendar and
sign the slip at the bottom of the page.*

Please return the signed slip to your music teacher.

If your child has chosen to perform in Band, Orchestra or Chorus, performing is part of a student's musical development. Participation in both the Winter and Spring concerts are mandatory. Instrumental students are also expected to attend scheduled instrumental lessons. Band students in 7th and 8th grade are expected to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Please note the following dates on your calendars today:

Winter and Spring Concert Series by Grade: Dress Rehearsals the day of the concert and concerts are graded and mandatory. All concerts start at 7:00PM.

Grade 8 Winter Concert with Chamber Choir	Tuesday, January 12 th
Grade 7 Winter Concert	Thursday, January 14 th
Grade 6 Winter Concert with Chamber Orchestra	Wednesday, January 20 th
Grade 6 Spring Concert	Thursday May 26 th
Grade 7 Spring Concert	Tuesday, June 7 th
Grade 8 Spring Concert	Wednesday, June 8 th

Other Concerts and Events

Music Pie Sale	September 17-24 th
Town-wide Choral Festival at FLHS **	Thursday, March 17 th
Spring Concert for Auditioned Ensembles	Friday, May 29 th
Memorial Day Parade (7/8 band only)	Monday, May 30 th

Parents of Instrumental Students: Please take a moment to label your child's instrument case and any music books and folders. You may want to take note of the serial number on the instrument. We have over 500 instrumentalists in this school and it will be easier to locate and return lost instruments if they are labeled!! Music Teachers and the Fairfield Public School District are not responsible for any accidental damage incurred while in the course of daily instruction, tuning, and instrumental handling.

Please clip along the dotted line.



Please return the following behavior form to your music teacher by Friday, September 18, 2015

Our family has reviewed the above material, agrees that it is reasonable and that it will be followed. Please also note that all sheet music assigned to instrumental students for home use must be returned. Students must be charged for music which is not returned in reusable condition.

CLEARLY PRINT student name _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Class _____

Teacher _____



MY CHILD'S CASE IS CLEARLY LABELED.