Pacific Trails Middle School Music Program

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Class: Vocal Performance

Course Overview: Vocal Performance provides students with a variety of musical experiences and activities while developing skills in singing, listening, reading and writing music. Students will learn the basic skills of music like reading music and understanding musical terminology, and they will have opportunities to learn other instruments, such as piano, guitar, ukulele, and percussion instruments, while learning to sing in different languages from all over the world. Vocal Performance encourages interest in music from diverse cultures and historical periods. Vocal Performance will be participating in multiple public performances, including a Forums Music Festival with a 2 day trip to Disneyland on March 17th and 18th. Public performances are mandatory. Conflicts in schedules should be worked out 2 weeks before a performance to allow time to have specific parts covered by other students.

Purpose of Course: Vocal Performance is a multi-level class designed to develop vocal skills and techniques to get students ready for high school choir. Students will develop these skills as they prepare to sing in large and small groups for public performances. Students will gain a multicultural education as they learn to annunciate and sing in other languages while learning about other cultures.

Uniforms are required for each public concert and consist of an all-black dress of knee length or more and covered shoulders, or black dress pants and a black dress shirt or blouse with long sleeves, and black dress shoes with manageable heels.

Please check out our **PTMS Music website** through our schools website link (<u>http://pt.sduhsd.net/</u>) under departments-electives-band for a calendar of events, forms, and more information. If you'd like to be involved with our PTMS Music Foundation, please send me an email and come to our monthly meetings to help support our music program. Students can also log onto their **Blackboard** account for copies of their music, recordings, and other forms.

Grading:

Participation (40%) Students will be required to participate daily. They must be in their seat with their music, ready to perform on time. They must attend all concerts.

Performance Tests (20%) Students will be given a selection of music in advance, to be performed in class. It will be graded on a rubric based on note accuracy, rhythm, tone, and phrasing.

Practice Sheets (20%) Students are required to practice outside of class for 20 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Students will log their practice time and turn in practice sheets every week, signed by their parent or guardian.

Tests and Quizzes (20%) Students will also be given written tests and quizzes based on prior lectures and class work.

Class Rules:

<u>Respect each other</u>- Don't tease, don't call out other's mistakes, don't touch other's property, don't talk when there is instruction or performance, help each other, be positive.

<u>Respect your school</u>- *Pick up trash, put things where they go, no eating or drinking, no gum or candy, be presentable out in public at concerts and other events.*

<u>Use electronic devices responsibly</u>- No texting or playing games. Use your devices for recording, photographing diagrams or written music. Do not photograph people. Silence your phones. Do not have your devices out on your music stands during instruction.

Please cut return this portion to Mr. Johnson by Thursday, September 1st

STUDENT NAME (print)_____

We have read the contents of this syllabus, and agree to the terms of participation in the Pacific Trails Middle School Music Program.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

If you'd like to be on our PTMS Music Foundation to help support our music program in any capacity, please fill out the information below.

Guardian Name(s) _____

Best contact phone _____

Best contact email _____