The 2015-2016
Verona Concert Band
Pride. Passion. Intensity

2004 Gold Rating State Concert Band Festival
2005 Selected to the New Jersey State Gala Concert
2006 Gold Rating State Concert Band Festival
2007 Superior Rating at Music in the Parks
2008 Selected to the New Jersey State Gala Concert
"Perfect" Score at VA Beach Music in the Parks
2009 Selected to the Mid-Atlantic Band Festival at Rutgers University
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Gold Rating State Concert Band Festival, Best Percussion Award
2011 Gold Rating, 1st Place, Best Percussion & Best Brass Awards
State Concert Band Festival, Closed the New Jersey State Gala Concert
2012 Gold Rating State Concert Band Festival, Selected to New Jersey State
Gala Concert, First Non-Professional Band to play the Cathedral Basilica
2013 Gold Rating State Concert Band Festival, Selected to New Jersey State
Gala Concert, Carnegie Hall performance as part of the
Eastern Wind Symphony Symphonic Gala
2014 Gold Rating State Concert Band Festival, Best Percussion & Best Brass Awards
Selected to the New Jersey State Gala Concert
2015 Gold Rating State Concert Band Festival and Best Brass Award,
Selected to Rutgers University Mid-Atlantic Band Festival

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Welcome:
After an amazing marching band season, the Verona High School Concert Band is ready to embark on another invigorating year of music making. The group has received unanimous acclaim at the local, state, and national levels, giving preeminence to performing quality literature and, most importantly, the educational process. Our group pushes the musical boundaries for an all-inclusive ninth through twelfth grade ensemble, using band as a vehicle for both artistic and humanistic growth.

Rehearsals/Dates:

1. **The Band rehearses during "A", "B", and "C" days in addition to group lessons that are rotated throughout the school day.**
2. **Required Dates:**

- Holiday Concert –Thursday, December 17th, 7:30pm
- **Winter Pops Concert – Thursday, March 10th, 7:30pm NEW DATE ☺**
- Additional Concert Band Rehearsals (mandatory to perform with band):
  - Wednesdays: 1/20, 2/17, 3/16, 4/12 (Tuesday), 4/27 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- **"Back to the Cathedral Basilica": Wednesday April 13th, 12:00pm**
- **Spring Concert – Thursday, May 26th, 7:30pm NEW DATE ☺**
- Spring Music Trip – Thursday May 12th through Sunday, May 15th (not mandatory)
- Graduation – Friday, June 17th, 6pm

Private Lessons:
Students are strongly encouraged to develop their musical skills in a setting where their needs can be individually addressed. The Verona area has a plethora of highly talented professional musicians/private teachers who offer private lessons. Please contact the music faculty for more information.

Instruments/Equipment:
To play in an ensemble of the caliber of the Verona Concert Band, we suggest that students evaluate the state of and/or maintain their instrument/equipment. This includes choices for their actual instrument, reeds, mouthpieces, mutes stick/mallet choice, and cleaning/care supplies. Sometimes the smallest change in equipment, can produce a major sound in tone production... ☺ Students should speak to VHS music faculty, and/or their private lesson teacher to determine the instruments and equipment to best fulfill their individual needs.

Expectations:
1. **Attendance:** Attendance at all rehearsals/concerts/lessons is mandatory. Any unexcused absence (cut from class or otherwise) from any rehearsal/concert will result in a drop of letter grade for the marking period and will jeopardize the student's standing in the program.

2. Lates:

For each late two points will be subtracted from the student's daily participation grade (out of 20).

3. Report Times (with time at the beginning to warm up and set up):

A. "Day A": By 7:55am students are warmed up in their seats with their folder/tune/pencil/instrument.
B. "Day B": By 8:57am students are warmed up in their seats with their folder/tuner/pencil/instrument.
C. "Day C": By 9:55am students are warmed up in their seats with their folder/tuner/pencil/instrument.

4. Talking/Disruptive behavior:

A. First Offense: Verbal warning
B. Second Offense: Student will pack up instrument for period and take a zero for daily participation grade
C. Third Offense: A conference will be set up with student/parents and student will not play the next concert.

5. Instrument Set Up: Students will set up their respective instruments before their first period class to maximize rehearsal time. Failure to do will result in two points being subtracted from the student's daily participation grade (out of 20).

6. Music Testing: At least one time each marking period concert band students will be individually tested on their music with the music faculty. Any students who do not attend their testing appointment will not play the next concert and will be given a zero for the performance assessment of their grade (25% - see below). Any student who does not prepare properly will jeopardize their ability to perform in the next concert.

7. Posture: Great posture is paramount to promoting the sound quality of the student/band, in addition to exuding the professionalism of our group - nothing less then great posture will be accepted.

8. Food/Drinks/Gum: Never in the band room/stage during a rehearsal, with the exception of water.

9. Care of Equipment/Locks*:* Students are responsible for taking care of all personal and school owned equipment. All cages must be locked at all times with only the instrument in the actual cage. Specifically any damages or loss of music, folders, tuners, and school owned percussion sticks/mallets, will be charged to the individual students/section. All students must fill an instrument inventory form and take responsibility for the care of their respective cage(s)/lock(s).

10. Grade Breakdown:

A. 75% Attendance & Pro-active Participation (up to 20 points awarded per class period)
C. 25% Performance Assessments (Music Testing)

11. Concert Attire: Black dress pants; black buttoned-down, long sleeve dress shirt; black shoes; black socks.