**Music Lesson Plans Semester Two – Mr. Polifrone**

**7th and 8th grade Concert Choir Class**

**Warm – ups**

**Studies in Rhythm Drills**

**Singing of two part music**

**See more Below**

***7th and 8th Grade Music Survey Units***

Middle School Musical Keyboarding and Guitars. ( Course Description )

This course is offered to seventh and eighth graders. The focus of study will be a hands on approach to learning how to play a musical instrument and demonstrate the rudiments of musical notation, rhythm, phrasing, technique, dynamics, and world connections and expression through musical performance on a selected instrument. This is an attractive class, but not limited to, students who have not had the opportunity to study a musical instrument privately. Students in this class will have the following instruments available to them to study and perform on: keyboard, acoustic and electric guitar, and bass guitar. At the conclusion of this course of study, students will be encouraged to perform for their peers and family.

**Studies in Rhythm Drills**

**Learning Standard Notation**

**Keyboard Studies and Guitar Studies**

**Middle School Music Survey Lesson Plans**

**Rhythm Drills**

**Game**

**Video**

**Quizzes**

**Unit Lesson**

**Piano Keyboard / Guitar / Bass Practice**

**With Check –off Sheets**

***9th – 12th Keyboard and Guitar Units***

**Studies in Rhythm Drills**

**Learning Standard Notation**

**Instrument assignment**

**Guitar / Keyboard Syllabus**

1. Explanation of the Course Goals, Grading Procedures, Class Set-Up, Check Off Sheets
2. Class Room Instrumental and Method Books
3. Setting Up an Independent Sheet
4. Brief History of Guitars
5. Identifying the Components of the Guitar / Piano
6. How to Tune Guitars / Pianos – ( Piano -Leave to the experts )
7. Reading Standard Notation
8. Reading Tablature - Guitars
9. Scales- Major, Minor, Diminished, Augmented, etc.
10. Modes
11. Blues and Jazz Scales
12. Picking Techniques - Guitars
13. Chords and Bar Chords – Acoustic Guitar
14. How to Play Chords in Different Positions / Chord Variations / Patterns on Guitar
15. How to Tune a Guitar ( Harmonics )
16. Alternative Tunings
17. Patterns on Fret Board
18. Exploring and Playing Intervals
19. Improvisation
20. How to Write Music for Guitar / Keyboard
21. How to Put Lyrics to Music / Music to Lyrics
22. Composition / Sibelius and Finale Programs
23. Classical Verses Rock Guitar, R&B Guitar
24. Latin guitar
25. Repertoire
26. Song Lists

**Guitar / Keyboard– Lessons Schedule**

1. Scale Sheets - #’s and b’s – Key Signatures – Tonal Centers
2. Half steps and Whole Steps
3. Scale Studies – Major, Minor (3 of them ), others ( many of them )
4. Building Harmonies from Scales
5. Major, minor, diminished, augmented
6. Nomenclature – triads, 7th,9th, 11th, 13th – Flatted and Sharped Tones – sus-chords
7. Chord Extensions
8. Chord Inversions – Chord Position Possibilities
9. Chord Progressions – Chord #s – Roman Numerals
10. Chord Substitutions
11. Improvisation – What is it?
12. How to improvise – Where do you start?
13. Improvisation guides and patterns
14. Pentatonic Scales
15. Blues Scales
16. Melodic Patterns Characteristic of your Instrument ( Idiomatic )
17. Left Hand / Right Hand Patterns- styles - **Keyboards**
18. 1st,2nd,3rd, etc. Positions – **Guitars**
19. **Capos – Guitars**

***High School Chorus Units Spring Show Songs – January 3 – March***

**Singing / Vocal Support / Breathing**

**Program Development /Peer support and Section Leadership**

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Fields of gold

If I Had a Hammer

Scarborough Fair

Don’t Sit Under the Apple Tree

Run Freedom Run

Feelin’ Groovy

Bridge Over Troubled Water

The Long and Winding Road

Star-Spangled Banner

Lon Sleeps Tonight

Let the River Run

Rhythm Drills

Sight Reading

***Music Technology***

**Sound Behavior**

**Frequency**

**Harmonics and Overtones**

**Reflection, Diffraction, Phase, Absorption, Reverberation**

**Audio Product Reviews**

**Topics in Math and Science of the Physic of music**

**Introduction to Pro tools Software**

Music Technology Class Teaching Model

Class Vocab and Concept Discussion

Related Math and Engineering

Related Video Clips

Hands on Demonstrations

Lessons Presentations to Support the Understanding and Advancement in Pro Tools

Work on Individual Projects with Mac Computers, Instruments, Microphones, and

Pro Tools Software