

Performing Arts Department

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Community + Process = Results

Building a Community of Life-Long Artists

Guitar Class

Canal Winchester High School offers both Beginning and Advanced Guitar Courses. Each year we have over 60 students participating in the program. The vast majority of these students have little to no formal music training before joining class. The department is committed to creating excellence in Music Education using the Academic Content Standards laid down by the Ohio Department of Education.

The students study the three major approaches to the guitar: Chording, Tablature, and Standard Notation. Each student will be assessed by written work and weekly Skill Tests that include: chord progressions, scales, picking patterns and songs. Literature is drawn from a variety of different genres including: Pop, Rock, Classical, Bluegrass and Jazz. As with any music instrument, there is no short cut to success. All students will need to commit themselves to practicing the assignments outside of class time. School-owned guitars are available for student use. Students will be held completely responsible for the care of the school owned instrument. By returning the completed Canal Winchester Performing Arts Department Information card the student and parent understand the responsibilities of being a member of the CWHS Guitar class.

By the end of the Beginning Guitar class, the students are expected to be proficient in all Open Chords, 1st Position Scales-C, G, D, F, 6th String Pentatonic and 5th String Pentatonic, Basic Rhythms and Simple Duple and Triple Time Signatures. The students are also expected to be able to create and perform a simple solo for a Blues in E.

By the end of the Advanced Guitar class, the students are expected to be proficient in all Significant Bar Chords with 4th, 5th and 6th String Roots, 6th String Root Movable Major Scale, 5th String Movable Root Major Scale, a Significant Number of Movable and Jazz Chords with 4th, 5th and 6th String Roots, and Intermediate Level Rhythms and Time Signatures. The students are also expected to be able to create and perform intermediate level solos to Popular, Bluegrass and Jazz songs.

Practice accompaniments and other class work can be found on Performing Arts Department Website: <https://cwperformingarts.info/guitar-class-resources.html>

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In the classroom, the student is expected to attend and participate in every scheduled class and not to be a distraction to other students. Cell phones, tablet computers and similar electronic devices are rarely needed in our music classroom. Therefore all such items should be put away unless express permission is granted. Students will be given one warning to store their device. Any further unpermitted use will result in a deduction of 5 points from the student's Behavior Grade. Please refer to the grading rubric below.

Grading Rubric

Each 9 weeks, every student begins with 100 points for their daily Class Work – 50 pts for Behavior and 50 pts for Participation.

Deductions are made for the following issues:

Repeated use of unpermitted electronic devices – 5pts each offence.

Repeated talking and other disruptive behavior – 3-25 pts.

Repeated non-participation – 5-25 pts.

Students will be assessed on a weekly basis on the required skills taught in Guitar Class. Each Skill test is 25 pts and can be taken as many times as the student wants within the Quarter.

The goal is Mastery of the skill. If the student is absent on the day of the Skill Test, they have up to 48 hours to perform the skill live or submit a video performance of the skill to complete the grade. Since the Skill Test can be taken multiple times, even a lower score the first time opens the door for repeated performances. The weekly Skills Tests are listed in the Classroom handout and will be listed on Canvas.

