

Port Isabel Junior High “Fighting” Tarpon Beginning Band 2018 – 2019 School Year

Teachers: Ms. Diana Peña – Saxophone & Junior High Head Band Director
Mrs. Giselle Cavazos – Flute & Symphonic Band
Mr. Edgar Park – Clarinet & Concert Band
Mr. Scott Hartsfield- Percussion & P.I.I.S.D. Director of Bands
Mr. Ben Keltner – Low Brass
Mr. Donny de la Rosa – High Brass

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Course Description: Students will learn the following fundamentals:

- I. Discipline Procedures (Band Rules)
 - a. Sit on the edge of the chair
 - b. Feet flat on the floor
 - c. Hold Still
- II. Foot Tap
- III. Basics of Music Theory
- IV. Embouchure Development
- V. Breathing Techniques
- VI. Rhythm
- VII. Starting the Tone
 - a. Tone Production and Intonation
 - b. Start-Sustain-Release
 - c. Hold Still

Materials: Students will need the following materials:

- I. Instruments & Ed Sueta Beginning Band Book (Clarinet players will need the For Clarinets Only book)
- II. Mirror & Pencil
- III. Accessories (such as reeds, oil, slide cream, slide grease, cleaning cloth, swab, drum sticks)
- IV. Band t-shirt (ordered by the directors)
- V. Combination Lock

Performances: Students will perform at the following:

Holiday Concert- **Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 6:30pm**
Spring Concert- **TBA**

Grading Policy: Each student’s grade will be determined by the following:

- I. Class Participation
 - a. Has all materials and instrument in working condition
 - b. Prepared to participate in each class
 - c. Student Daily progress
- II. Practice- Homework
 - a. Instrument is taken home every day
 - b. Daily individual practice
- III. Skill Tests
 - a. Student progress will be evaluated on a weekly basis
 - b. Evaluation will be based on teacher observation
- IV. Performances
 - a. The Holiday and Spring Concerts will serve as semester comprehensive exams