

# Port Isabel Junior High “Fighting” Tarpon Symphonic and Concert 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 and proficiently execute the following ensemble fundamentals:

- I. Maintain balance and blend throughout the section
- II. Maintain balance and blend throughout the band
- III. Sustain proper intonation throughout the section
- IV. Sustain proper intonation throughout the band
- V. Display proper performance etiquette at all performances (pep rallies, football games, concerts, etc.)

**Materials:** Students will need the following materials:

- I. Instruments
- II. One inch 3-ring binder (provided by band department)
- III. Pencil
- IV. Accessories (such as reeds, oil, slide cream, slide grease, cleaning cloth, swab, drum sticks)
- V. Combination Lock
- VI. Band t-shirt
- VII. Solid white pants and solid white shoes (these will be used as part of the band uniform and will be required to be worn at all performances and competitions)

**Performances:** Students will perform at the following:

- I. Pep rallies during football season
- II. Junior High Football Games (home games at Tarpon Stadium) – **Thursday, October 11, 2018; Thursday, November 8, 2018**
- III. High School Football Game – **Friday, October 5, 2018**
- IV. Holiday Concert - **Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 6:30pm**
- V. Pre-UIL Performances (dates and time TBA)
- VI. **UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest; April 4-5, 2018, Harlingen PAC**
- VII. Spring Concert- **TBA**

Please be aware that other performances may arise throughout the course of the year. We will inform the students of these performances as we find out and let them know the proper times and dates. Letters will be sent home and will also be uploaded to our social media accounts.

**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. Music Pass Offs
  - a. Each grading period, students will be required to pass off nine exercises selected by their specialist or band director. Failure to do so, may result in removal from their ensemble until requirements are fulfilled.
  - b. Students will be required to pass off any concert or UIL Contest music to their specialist or band director to be able to perform.
- III. Practice – Homework
  - a. Instrument is taken home every day
  - b. Daily individual practice

IV. Sectional Attendance

- a. Student progress will be evaluated on a weekly basis
- b. Evaluation will be based on teacher observation

V. Performances:

All performances are mandatory and will be integrated into the grading system. A student will not be excused from missing a performance unless extenuating circumstances beyond normal control arise, i.e. major illness, death in the family, etc. In these cases, proper documentation is required and must be presented to the band directors upon the return of the student.