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Beginning Guitar (Guitar 1)

Course Title: Guitar 1
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PURPOSE OF COURSE:

- Become familiar with guitar playing fundamentals.
- To learn the basics of music theory (note reading, rhythm, chord charts etc.)
- To learn about artist development and music production.
- To learn to understand, appreciate and value music.
- To develop musical performance and listening skills.
- To learn to love music.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Acoustic Guitar, provided by student
- Clip-on-Tuner, not an app - the classroom is much too loud for tuning apps to work correctly.
- Guitar resources can be purchased from:
 - Summerhays Music
 - Music Village
 - Guitar Center
 - amazon (do your research when using online vendors, if you need recommendations for reputable brands, please contact Mr. Bradshaw).
- Sharpened pencil
- Notebook

CLASSROOM DRESS CODE:

- School Dress code policy is strictly followed at all times
- If you are in violation of the school dress code policy you will be sent to the office.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

- Fully** participate in all learning activities

-Have materials, **including pencil, paper and guitar** in class daily. **You will lose daily points if you do not have your guitar.**

-Be in the classroom when the tardy bell rings **and** in your place ready to play.

-Never touch or play a musical instrument or equipment that belongs to someone else.

-Learning activities for Beginning Guitar include but are not limited to: Playing as a group, playing as an individual, written quizzes, listening exercises, song-writing assignments, and playing test.

-No food or drinks other than water.

GRADING

-You are expected to show up to class, prepared, practiced, and ready to contribute to your own success. You will be graded on the following items:

-Daily class preparedness/participation/citizenship - 25%

-Quarter Mid-term tests - 20%

-Quarter Final tests - 30%

-Homework/Quizzes/In-class work (besides practicing) - 25%

-Song Assignments

-Group Song assignments

-Video Notes

-Lecture notes

THEORY ASSIGNMENTS:

As a musician, a basic knowledge of music theory is a must-have. Periodically throughout the year, you will be assigned different theory worksheets, based on the music that we are playing in class. You will be expected to finish and turn them in by the designated deadlines just as you would any other academic class. Specific deadlines will be given as they are assigned.

TESTS:

Each quarter there will be a mid-term test as well as a final quarter test. Each test will have a written “theory” portion as well as a playing portion. You will receive details for the test at the beginning of each quarter.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS AN ACADEMIC AS WELL AS MUSICAL CLASS.

EXTRA CREDIT:

Discussed on a case by case basis. If you come to class and turn in the work, you shouldn't need any extra credit.

CLASS FEE:

-There is a \$15 Performing Arts class fee for Guitar

-You **MUST** have your own guitar.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

We may have guests come talk to they class about guitar playing, music industry careers, songwriting and music production. You are expected to be respectful and take notes that will be turned in.

COMFORT ZONE EXPANSION:

There will be elements of this class that are performance based, whether in front of Mr. Bradshaw or your peers. You will be asked to perform for others, it's a matter of if, it's when. Please allow yourself to stretch, and grow and become comfortable sharing your talents with others.

RESPECT OF OTHERS:

We will have assignments that include sharing your favorite music with your peers. You aren't required to enjoy someone else's musical taste, but you must be kind and respectful when someone enjoys different music than you.

Responses will be recorded via google form.

