



8th Grade General Music

with Mr. Cellini

What will we be doing in this class?

General Music is an exciting class offered to all students at Great Valley Middle School. In this class, we will cover various aspects of my favorite subject Music! We will learn about, experience, listen to, and perform music during our time together this marking period. Some topics that we will cover include:

- Introduction to Music
- Program Music
- Opera
- iCompose!: Film Scoring
 - Intro to Camera Techniques and Foley
 - The Importance of Music to Film
 - Movie Trailer Project

8th Grade General Music meets two days per cycle for the entire year.

What do I need to bring with me each day?

Please make sure that you have the following with you *each time you come to class*.

- A pencil.
 - *Occasionally* you may be allowed to use another writing utensil, but for a majority of our work I would like for you to use a pencil. They're my favorite
- A 3-ring binder (or a section of a binder) dedicated JUST to music.
 - It is important that each student have a 3-ring binder (as opposed to a notebook or folder) so we can all stay organized! We will use this binder to store any notes, journals, handouts, or assessments for this class.
 - *Dividers never hurt anyone!* Please feel free to use dividers if that helps you stay organized, but do not feel that you need them.
- Your school iPad & charger (*just in case!*)
- A pair of earbuds (*we won't use these right away, but you'll need them eventually!*)
- A willing attitude to try new experiences and apply your best work to them. With this combination, you can learn anything!

How will you be grading me?

Fairly. Plain and simple. You will be graded on your participation during each class, any assignments or assessments given (be they written or performance-based), and your qualities of a learner. Some sample assignments and assessments could include:

- Notebook check
- Participation and Discussion in class
- Written Assessments (Quizzes, Packets, Tests, etc.)
- Homework

What are your expectations for me?

Teachers at Great Valley Middle School have very high expectations for all of our students, and I am no exception. I promise to do my best to be prepared to teach, and I expect you do your best to be prepared to learn. If we both do our parts, I guarantee we will have a fantastic time together!

What if I (or my parents) have questions for you?

If there are ever any questions for me, please do not hesitate to contact me! My contact information is at the top of this sheet, and you can always visit my website. My website will have all of the up-to-date information for all of my classes, as well as some helpful resources for you to use! You can find my website by following this path

www.gvsd.org/gvms > Directory > Cellini, Mark

Your class page can be found by continuing from the above path

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Welcome again to my classroom, and let's have a great school year!

Best,

Mr. Cellini