

**Course Title:** Percussion ensemble

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**Required materials:** Students are to provide own **drumsticks**. They must be Vic Firth “Corps Master” MS1 available at Mike’s Music. They are about \$15. Please contact Mrs. Johnson if this is a financial hardship.

It is highly recommended that you purchase a rubber-type “real feel” **drum pad** for your student. These pads tend to cost around \$35-50. Avoid the round Remo brand pad.

**Course description:** Percussion ensemble is an in depth course designed to introduce students to all aspect of percussion culture including technical skill, performance, historical context, composition and integration with other disciplines and art forms. Students will gain skills to enable them to be life-long learners and musicians. They will gain cultural appreciation of all forms of music and the specific application of percussion. Compositional instruction will allow students to carry their musical creativity independently.

**Grades:**

25% Attendance- includes mandatory concert attendance, one per each semester.

25% Playing posture and technique

25% Quizzes and lectures

25% Musicianship- attitude, cooperation, evidence of practice by progress.