



BAND NINJA



- ❑ In 6th grade band, students collect colored belts (like in Karate) for achieving specific levels of playing on their instrument.
- ❑ Approximately once per month, a Band Ninja belt assignment will be assigned instead of a Living Room Concert. This means that instead of performing a concert for their family at home, students will be submitting a video of themselves playing an assigned song or exercise to Google Classroom and receiving individualized feedback from the teacher.
- ❑ **Where to find the assignment:** Belt assignments will be posted to our Google Classroom page.
- ❑ **How to submit the Band Ninja assignments:** Students must submit a VIDEO of themselves playing the belt assignment to the Google Classroom assignment. The video must clearly show that it is them playing. Instructions can be found on Google Classroom. *If you think you will have trouble submitting these assignments, please let Ms. DiMento know this week and she will find a solution for you!*
- ❑ **How they are graded:** For all of the Band Ninja belts that are assigned in place of Living Room Concerts, the video will be due by their first class of the following week. Like Living Room Concerts, students will receive 100 points if the video is submitted on time, 95 points if it is submitted late, and 0 points if it is not submitted by the end of the trimester.
- ❑ **How to win a colored belt:** If students do well in their video (correct notes/rhythms), they will pass the level and will be awarded their belt (a colored ribbon to tie on their instrument). Belts will be handed out every few weeks on a Friday in class.
- ❑ **What if I don't pass?:** If students play incorrect notes and rhythms, they will still receive credit for the homework assignment, but they will not earn their belt (colored ribbon). In this case, they must practice the music more and submit another video in order to receive their belt. The goal is that students are trying their best and receiving individualized feedback from the teacher.
- ❑ **What do I do with my belts?:** Students may tie their belts to the handle of their instrument case or to their instrument (in a place that doesn't interfere with playing) to show off the belts they have won. Students will not be given a replacement belt if they lose one, so knot them on carefully!
- ❑ **Where will I find Ms. DiMento's feedback on my playing?:** I will give you feedback as a private comment on each Band Ninja assignment on Google Classroom. Please go back and read it!
- ❑ **How to achieve Ninja Status (Black Belt):** Six Band Ninja belts will be assigned in place of Living Room Concerts throughout the school year. A total of twelve belts will be posted to Google Classroom in case students want to go above and beyond and earn "Ninja Status" (Black Belt), meaning they have earned ALL of their belts.

Band Ninja Belts:

- ★ White Belt = Concert Bb Scale – **Due by 11/13**
- ★ Red Belt = Concert F Scale – **Due by 12/10**
- ★ Orange Belt = Concert Eb Scale – **Due by 1/28**
- ★ Yellow Belt = Concert Ab Scale – **Due by 3/4**
- ★ Green Belt = Chromatic Scale – **Due by 4/8**
- ★ Light Blue Belt = TBA
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- ★ Light Purple Belt = TBA
- ★ Purple Belt = Star Wars Main Theme
- ★ Pink Belt = Happy Birthday
- ★ Silver Belt = Imperial March from Star Wars
- ★ Gold Belt = The National Anthem – **Due by 5/20**
- ★ Ninja Status (Black Belt) = Once you have achieved all of your other belts, you will receive Ninja Status (your black belt)!

For instructions on
how to submit a
video to GC:



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