

Guitar I Guidelines

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9 Weeks Course

Class Outline

The purpose of this class is to further the education of all JCHS students in the skills of playing the guitar. From beginners to advanced players, every student at JC will have a place to come learn, share and collaborate with others to help them grow musically. Whether a student plans to perform publicly, write songs, or explore a new hobby, this class will be able to suit their needs.

Required Materials

JCHS does not provide instruments for the class. Students will need to bring a guitar from home. Acoustic, electric, classical, old, new, battered or pristine, all guitars are welcome. Students will also need some way to tune their instrument as well as a pick of some sort. All other classroom materials will be provided by Mr. Gessner.

Grading Policy

All tests will be weekly playing tests covering a variety of skills dependent on the needs of the students. Students must understand the pressure of live performance and the level of practice it requires. Test grades will be supplemented by daily grades for class participation and bringing their required materials to class each day. If time allows we'll also complete a brief guitar biography project two weeks before the final.

I look forward to serving each student in class! Whether addressing basic concepts for students who are touching a guitar for the first time, covering advanced techniques, or teaching music theory. I am so grateful for the amount of new guitar players we've been able to foster here at JC, and I know this experience will be a positive one for any interested student.

Best,
Harris Gessner