

Corona del Sol High School Musicians will achieve excellence through their commitment, determination, and desire for success.

Corona del Sol Beginning Guitar (FA68)

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Handbook/Syllabus

Class Description: Beginning Guitar is one of two guitar classes offered at Corona del Sol. It is assumed that most students taking this course are new to the instrument and have no prior experience. Students in this class will learn how to properly play the acoustic guitar, how to read and interpret music, music theory skills, and chord reading.

What You Need for this Class:

If you think you will have trouble purchasing the following items due to financial concerns, please inform Mr. DuPlessis IMMEDIATELY at coronaband@gmail.com.

- Notebook or binder to keep notes in and a pencil
- Acoustic Guitar (provided by school – damage will be paid by student)
- Pick (Buy a few, they can get lost easily!)
- Book: *Essential Elements Vol. 1 for Guitar* (provided in class – students can buy a copy for home practice if they want at any local music store).

Rules:

- ⦿ Always do the following things when in Guitar class:
 - Work Hard and always do your best.
 - Bring your materials to class (guitar, picks, book, notebook, pencil). Failure to do so will result in losing participation points for the day (BE RESPONSIBLE!)
 - Practice at home when needed (BE PREPARED!)
 - Respect yourself, others, and the Orchestra Room (don't touch any instruments in the room and respect equipment)
 - Be open to new ideas and new ways of playing.

Consequences: Breaking any of the above rules can result in loss of participation points, warning, in-school detention, or permanent removal from the class.

Grading Policy:

Attendance in class is required. As per school policy, if a student accumulates nine (9) or more absences, the student will not receive credit for the class. Please have your parent/guardian call Corona's Attendance Office if you will be absent. Tardiness is unacceptable.

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In Beginning Guitar, students will be graded on the following:

25% - **Active Participation in Class (“Participation Points”)** – A student will lose participation points if they do not bring materials to class, or are not actively participating in class (such as practicing their instrument when individual practice time is given).

40% - **Playing Tests** (1 per week – every Thursday/Friday)

10% - **Written Quizzes, Assignments**

15% - **2 Listening Reports**

10% - **Final Exam** (will include some written questions about musical concepts we have covered over the course of the semester. Final will also have a playing portion – testing on skills we have worked on such as scales, songs, or technique).

EXTRA CREDIT - A student may earn extra credit by attending CdS Band, Orchestra, Percussion, Choir, or Dance concerts. The student must turn in a signed program the next day to Mr. DuPlessis. Other extra assignments may be available if needed. Please see Mr. DuPlessis for more details.

BEGINNING GUITAR AGREEMENT FORM

PLEASE CUT OFF THIS PORTION, SIGN, AND RETURN BY WEDNESDAY, Aug. 11!

-- 50 points --

I agree to all the rules, guidelines, and grading policy contained in this handbook. I understand that schools rules will be enforced in this class and that breaking the rules will result in a warning, detention, a parent call home, and if necessary, administration involvement and possible permanent removal from the class. If you have any question about a rule or policy, I will contact Mr. DuPlessis immediately.

Student Name _____ **Student Signature** _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____ **Home Phone** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Office/Cell Phone(s)** _____

Email Address(es) _____