

WELCOME TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**7th Grade Syllabus**

**Music 7**

**Day 1** Bring all supplies (listed in supply list)

**Week 1** 1<sup>st</sup> assignment is due on the 1st week.  
Presentation assignments will be announced during class

**Bring in:**

- The name of your favorite song.
- The actual song, if possible

**Know:** The artist, and when it was written/ recorded

**Bonus:** Know the lyrics and what YOU THINK they mean!

**Week 2-3** “Playing for Change” project:

“Drift Away” by Dobie Gray

This will be, ultimately, a collaborative project in which we will record ourselves playing tracks of this song, alongside students from other schools in Chautauqua County, from grade 7 through grade 12! We will learn to use the computer programs Garage Band and iMovie in the process.

**Week 4:** 1<sup>st</sup> transcription project: \_\_\_\_\_

**Week 5:** Summation of 1<sup>st</sup> two projects/assessment period

**Week 6-7:** Fall / Winter / Spring / Summer Ostinato Project

**Week 8-9:** Final Project: performance/presentation creation

**Week 10:** Summation of all projects/assessment period

We will also read and write short essays analyzing and interpreting and analyzing songs in a way that means something to you.

We will also be creating a soundtrack to a movie scene, learning to play the guitar and keyboard, and exploring music throughout history.