Advanced Piano 2015-16 School Year Instructor: Mr. Mike Miele E-mail: <u>mmiele@mpslakers.com</u> Phone: 824-2063

Syllabus

Course Description:

This course is designed for the piano player from grade 9 through 12 with some amount of training at the piano or who has successfully completed the Beginning Piano course. At the completion of one term, .33 credits will be earned.

Course Requirements:

Students in Advanced Piano are expected to supply their own music. After consulting with the instructor, the student will choose which selections to rehearse during the class.

Basis for Grading:

A grade is given for the completion of an assigned song or song segment. As a general rule of thumb, each student should complete one song or song segment per class day. However, this is not always possible due to the level of difficulty of various songs. Unless given permission by the instructor for extended time, the highest attainable point total for a given song will decrease over the duration of extended practice. If a student is still working on an assignment following two complete 20 minute sessions, the highest attainable score will be set at 90%. Following each additional 20 minute segment the score will be reduced by 10% increments.

Each assignment must be played before a student may proceed to the next piece. If a student is having difficulty grasping the musical concepts presented by the instructor then approximately every fourth class a quiz will be given on the musical information covered.

The student's grades will be entered online into our internet grade book by the beginning of the next class. Students are advised to save a copy in their server folders of all graded work generated by computer and a hard copy of all other work. In the event of a missing assignment, the burden of proof that the assignment was completed by the deadline rests with the student. Students should also save all graded and returned papers in case of a grade question.

The points system is used with the following requirements:

A =	93-100	20 pt Daily Lesson	= 400 pts*
B+=	90-92	Maximum of 6, 20 pt Quizzes	= 120 pts
B =	85-89	20 pt Final Test	= 20 pts
C+ =	82-84	30 pt Daily Work	= 30 pts
C =	75-81	Total	= 570 pts*
D =	70-74		

* Total points will vary due to the number of completed songs and days of absence.