May 17th, 2021

Dear Band Families,

As we approach the finale of this unprecedented school year I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the band happenings this year and provide you with information on the remaining band activities.

Last week both our 7th/8th grade concert band, and our High School Concert Band recorded their selections for District VI Band Festival. Our school has had a long and proud tradition of outstanding performances at festival and this year our bands continued to raise the bar. Our middle school band has had some unique challenges with instrumentation but they rose to the challenge and did a tremendous job of utilizing dynamics, articulations and phrasing in their performance. The High School Band took two challenging pieces to festival, one of them from the required list for Class B schools! This was the most advanced piece our high school has taken in a number of years and our students did an admirable job.

As the school year is winding down we have just a few band events remaining. In the coming week all of our bands (5-12) will be performing in our Spring Concert.

This will take place Wednesday May 26th, at 7:00pm in the Rose Center Parking Lot. Call time for all students will be 6:00pm. Instrument cases and supplies may be stored in the band room. We ask that students remain for the entirety of the concert out of respect to their fellow students. We should be finished our performance by 8:00pm. Tear down should be completed by 8:30. As they say many hands make light work.

Dress for the concert is Sunday Best. For gentlemen slacks, button down, or polo shirts, no jeans or t-shirts. For ladies dresses, skirts, or slacks and dress shirts. Dresses and skirts should be at least knee length, tea length would be preferable. No jeans or t-shirts.

After the spring concert our middle school students do not have any further performances this school year.

Our high school band will have one more performance on Thursday May 27th, at 6:30 pm for Senior Honors Night. Call time is 6:15, students should be in their seats, warmed up and ready to perform by this time. Entrance is through the backdoor of the school. Our portion of the performance should conclude by 6:50 at which point four of our senior band students will be recognized. After this our underclassmen will depart.
Looking ahead to this summer and our 2021-2022 school year our rising ninth grade students and our high school students will soon start preparing our fall marching band show. More information will be sent out soon regarding summer sectionals, as well as marching band camp and our evening rehearsals come fall. This will be an exciting season, and I am looking forward to diving right into it.

This is also a wonderful time to start thinking about taking private lessons on our different instruments for all band students. Private lessons are an invaluable resource and an asset not only to your child, but to the entire band program as well. They greatly enhance the musical experience your children have in band and can provide a wealth of future opportunities for years to come. I have included the contact information of some of the area teachers in this letter.

Finally, I would like to thank you for allowing me to work with your children this year. Band is a family, and each member of the band, from elementary up through high school, is incredibly important to the whole ensemble. I have really enjoyed getting to know each and every one of my students this year and I look forward to continuing to have them in band in the years to come. Our program has come a long way this year, and I look forward to seeing what we will achieve on this musical adventure.

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