

Good evening band fam!

Happy Easter! I hope that everyone had a chance to enjoy this beautiful, cool weather. It's MPA week AND State Solo & Ensemble week for our band! I'm looking forward to wonderful performances and educational clinics for both our bands this coming Saturday.

**This Week:**

Monday (4/5) – Percussion Ensemble rehearsal 3:45-5:15pm

Tuesday (4/6) – Symphonic Band 4:00-6:00pm; Winterguard Team Dinner 7:30pm

Wednesday (4/7) – Wind Ensemble 4:00-6:00pm

Thursday (4/8) – Drum Club 3:45-5:15pm; State S&E Recording 4:00-6:00pm

Friday (4/9) – State S&E (times vary)

Saturday (4/10) – Concert Band Assessment (see schedule below)

**MPA Concert – April 10 – THIS SATURDAY**

Our Concert Band Assessment is taking place at DeLand High School on April 10. Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will both be performing for a panel of four FBA certified judges:

- Mr. Charles Watford – band director at Dr. Phillips High School
- Mr. John Seth – band director at Flagler Palm Coast High School
- Mr. Ian Schwindt – FBA President & band director at Titusville High School
- Mr. Jose Lopez – retired band director at Port Charlotte High School

For this mandatory performance, students should wear “concert black” (same as the Winter Concert). For a reminder on the requirements of “concert black” attire, please check out the “students” page of our band website ([www.delandhsband.com](http://www.delandhsband.com)).

For safety reasons, this concert is not open to the public but we will need 20 chaperones. Chaperones will help with supervision and will also have the opportunity to hear the bands perform live. If you are able to chaperone, please sign up on Charms. The performances will also be recorded and posted online for everyone to enjoy.

Itinerary

(there are a couple of *slight* changes from what was sent out last week)

8:00am – Band Room open (CALL TIME for Operations and Percussion leadership)

8:45am – Symphonic Band CALL TIME (dressed, **ON STAGE**)

9:00am – Symphonic Band warm-up

9:15am – Wind Ensemble CALL TIME (dressed, in auditorium house seats)

9:30am – Symphonic Band performance on stage followed by on-stage clinic

*(Wind Ensemble head to band room for warm-up at beginning of SB clinic)*

*I will need 5-6 volunteers from Symphonic Band to set the chairs for Wind Ensemble after the SB performance. Students looking to be on leadership next year should volunteer for this. :-)*

10:15am – Wind Ensemble warm-up in **BAND ROOM** (ends at 10:45am)

11:00am – Wind Ensemble performance on stage followed by on-stage clinic

*(Symphonic Band dismissed at beginning of WE clinic)*

12:00pm – Wind Ensemble dismissal (after stage is fully cleared)

For these performances, the Wind Ensemble will serve as the audience for Symphonic Band and the Symphonic Band will serve as the audience for Wind Ensemble. Students will sit with two empty seats between them and leave every other row empty. Masks will be worn at all times. Proper audience etiquette is expected of all students.

### **State Solo & Ensemble**

State Solo & Ensemble for DHS is on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Most of our events take place during the school day, so I will be making arrangements for the participating students to meet “virtually” with their adjudicator in one of our practice rooms at their designated time. If you need me to, I will make arrangements with your teachers to allow you to come to the band room for your designated time. All performances are required to be pre-recorded and uploaded by April 8<sup>th</sup>. I have scheduled recording sessions in the band room for April 8<sup>th</sup> for students that would like to record at school. Please sign up for a recording time on the band office door.

Performance times are listed below:

- 9:00am – Dylan Addonizio clarinet solo (judge: Lynn Musco)
- 10:45am – Daniel Burrow clarinet solo (judge: Lynn Musco)
- 11:00am – Itzia Cortes horn solo (judge: Michelle Stebleton)
- 11:15am – James Leimer horn solo (judge: Michelle Stebleton)
- 11:30am – Javier Rivera flute solo (judge: Nora Lee Garcia)
- 11:45am – Taylor Freed flute solo (judge: Nora Lee Garcia)
- 3:09pm – Dylan, Daniel, Hugo, Will clarinet quartet (judge: Debbie Bish)
- 3:48pm – Connor McKenna piano solo (judge: Roanna Combs)

### **Drum Club**

Our first Drum Club meeting was a HUGE success. Thank you to everyone that invited their friends to attend. There is still time to join, so if you know someone that would enjoy learning about percussion please encourage them to join us. We are meeting every Thursday from 3:45-5:15pm. The purpose of Drum Club is to give non-band students an opportunity to learn percussion and join our band family if they are interested. Please invite your non-band friends to attend if you think that they would be interested in joining us full-time next year. This opportunity is only for current 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders. This is going to be a fun opportunity for your friends to try something new and get involved with the BEST organization at DeLand HS – our band family!!!

### **Leadership Applications**

Leadership applications for the 2021-22 school year are now available. Please see Ms. Leimer to pick up your application. Applications are DUE by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Interviews will take place May 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> and Drum Major auditions will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Drum Major audition information will be distributed to students that select that option on their completed leadership application. Students are encouraged to apply for ALL leadership positions that interest them. Remember – our band’s best leaders have already shown themselves. We have been watching all year to see

which students stand out as potential leaders for our band. The application and interview process will give you an opportunity to share more about yourselves, but what you have shown us about yourself as a regular member of the band family is what speaks the most about your ability to serve in a leadership role. We have A LOT of really outstanding students in our band and I am looking forward to getting to know you even better through the leadership selection process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a current member of leadership or Ms. Leimer. Best wishes to all that aspire to lead!

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

- April 9<sup>th</sup> – FBA State Solo & Ensemble MPA
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – Concert Band Assessment (at DHS)
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Spring Band Concert (at DHS)
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Leadership applications DUE
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Night of Jazz & Percussion Concert (Athens Theatre)
- May 10-13<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Interviews
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Drum Major Auditions
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Band Banquet
- May 18-20<sup>th</sup> – Drumline Auditions & Colorguard Tryouts
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Ice Breaker
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Graduation

Please note: all rehearsals, performances, fund raisers, competitions, etc. are listed on the band calendar. This is the most up-to-date source of information in regard to our busy band schedule. The calendar can be found on the band website ([www.delandhsband.com](http://www.delandhsband.com)). It is a google calendar that you can sync with your phone, so the band calendar can always be right in the palm of your hand when scheduling appointments, vacations, work, etc.

Looking forward to another great week with our Bulldog Bands!

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