

Hello Bulldog Band family!

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing weekend. We have a busy couple of weeks ahead as we head into the Winter Break, but I am looking forward to all of the music we will make together and the performances we will produce for our families and community. Winter Concert filming is next Tuesday and we have our final after school rehearsals this week, so please make it a priority to attend. We won't meet again after school until January which makes this time together even more precious. Looking forward to another great week with our Bulldog Bands!!!

This Week:

Monday (12/7) – open

Tuesday (12/8) – Symphonic Band 4:00-6:00pm; Winterguard 4:00-7:00pm

Wednesday (12/9) – Wind Ensemble 4:00-6:00pm

Thursday (12/10) – Percussion 3:45-5:15pm; Winterguard 4:00-7:00pm; Prism Concert Tech meeting 4:00pm (group leaders only)

Friday (12/11) – Prism Concert #1 7:00pm (6pm CALL TIME)

Saturday (12/12) – Prism #2 2:00pm (1pm CALL TIME); Prism #3 7:00pm (6pm CALL TIME)

Solo & Ensemble Applications – NEW DUE DATE

The FBA Executive Board met this weekend and made some decisions that impact our Solo & Ensemble MPA. The event is still happening, but there are some significant changes. I will be going over these changes this week in class with all students. As such, I am extending the deadline for S&E Applications to December 14. Students who have already submitted their application will have the opportunity to make changes if they want to.

Once I have the opportunity to explain all of the changes in class, I will also send out an email so parents are aware of the new guidelines. This year is all about flexibility, but together we will make the best of everything!

Prism Concerts

Our annual Prism Concert series takes place this week! We will be performing 3 shows (all the same) – Friday December 11th 7:00pm, Saturday December 12th 2:00pm, & Saturday December 12th 7:00pm. This year we are including performances from our chorus program as well. All performances that auditioned this week were accepted. These are going to be great shows – you won't want to miss out.

To request your tickets, please use this link:

<https://forms.gle/YXbWQv2q67kN9dtM7>

Tickets will be distributed in class later this week.

We will be having a tech meeting for the Prism Concerts on Thursday at 4:00pm. All group leaders must attend. At this meeting I will be giving you information about your staging, timing,

etc. Since we can't have a dress rehearsal, this meeting will serve as our "walk through" before the first performance.

December Concerts & Events

We have performances coming up in December that all instrumentalists will be involved in. This year ALL musicians will wear "concert black" for ALL non-marching band performances. I wanted to go ahead and give you information about this so that you can take advantage of some black Friday sales if you need any of these items. All "concert black" items must be purchased by individual band members. None of these items are able to be supplied by the school.

"Concert Black" - Attire for all 2020-2021 formal (non-marching band) performances

Please adhere to the following requirements for all Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band performances for the 2020-2021 school year. The purpose of these requirements is to create a uniform, professional look that will give the audience the best impression of our bands. Always err on the side of professionally modest.

This attire is known as "concert black":

- Black button-down dress shirt with black dress pants, long black socks OR black knee-high panty hose, & black closed toe dress shoes.
- Black dress with black panty hose or tights & black closed-toe dress shoes.
- Black dress shirt with black skirt, black panty hose or tights, & black closed-toe dress shoes.
- Dress shoes must be closed-toe (no sandals, peep toe, open toe, etc.) with low heel or flats.
- Long black socks or black knee-highs must be worn with pants (no sport/short length socks).
- Black tights or panty hose must be worn with skirts/dresses.
- All tops must have sleeves otherwise a black cardigan/blazer should be worn to cover the arms.
- Shoes must be ALL black and relatively plain.
- All jewelry should be minimal, and any hair accessories should be black.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask (or send pictures if you aren't sure).

December Concerts (wear "concert black" for all of these)

- Prism Concerts (3 shows, all the same) - Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, plus solos and small ensembles
 - December 11 - 7:00pm (6:00pm CALL TIME)
 - December 12 - 2:00pm (1:00pm CALL TIME)
 - December 12 - 7:00pm (6:00pm CALL TIME)
- Winter Concert (pre-recorded and posted online for all to view)
 - December 15 - 4:00-6:00pm (recording session for Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble in the auditorium)

Upcoming Important Dates

- December 11th & 12th – Prism Concerts
- December 14th – Solo & Ensemble Applications DUE
- December 15th – Winter Concert filming (Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band)
- December 18th – 2nd Quarter playing tests DUE (1st, 2nd, & 3rd period classes)
- December 18th – Solo Transcription Project DUE (jazz band)

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