

Happy Presidents Day band fam!

I hope that everyone is enjoying their 3-day weekend. Congratulations to our Winterguard for an awesome premiere performance of their show “You Say” on Saturday at Cypress Creek High School. They have certainly set the bar high for this competitive season! This week we have a guest conductor coming in to work with Symphonic Band on Tuesday AND Wind Ensemble on Wednesday, so please make sure you do not have any conflicts with these after school rehearsals. Guest conductors bring in a fresh set of ears and help us grow as we prepare for our assessment performances. It is also fun and refreshing to work with someone new. Get excited!

This Week:

Monday (2/15) – Winterguard 10:00am-3:00pm (new gym!!!)

Tuesday (2/16) – Symphonic Band 4:00-6:00pm

Wednesday (2/17) –Wind Ensemble 4:00-6:00pm

Thursday (2/18) –Winterguard 4:00-7:00pm; S&E Recording Sessions 4:00-6:00pm (sign up)

Friday (2/19) – S&E Recording Sessions 4:00-6:00pm (sign up)

Saturday (2/20) – FBA Solo & Ensemble MPA (virtual)

FBA Solo & Ensemble MPA

FBA Solo & Ensemble is THIS WEEK. All students will pre-record their performance to be uploaded to the MPA Online portal. Students you must upload their performance recording to the portal the day before their performance. Recording sessions will take place in the band room on February 18 & 19. Students will sign up for a specific 15-minute recording session appointment. I have reserved the Chorus Room as a warm-up space during the recording sessions. The sign-up sheet is on the band office door. You may also choose to record at home, but all students will pre-record their performances. Please be reminded that solos must have a piano accompanist unless the solo is written to be performed unaccompanied. If you do not have and an accompanist, you will be required to perform for “comments only” and will not receive a rating. Please let me know if that is your choice.

Everyone has received their times and information. These times will run just like the in-person S&E events we are all used to except that you will be interacting with your judge virtually through your computer or smart phone. Remember that you must upload your performance recording the day before your performance. Please note that you will be required to show your judge the original of your music. You are also required to log in at your designated time to interact with the judge, otherwise your performance will result in a DNA.

Students who perform music that is a grade 5 or higher and receive a SUPERIOR rating will qualify to perform at State Solo & Ensemble. Students may also choose to perform for comments only and may make that decision right up to their performance timeslot.

Solo & Ensemble Recital

Please use this form to register to perform on the DHS Solo & Ensemble Recital. The recital will take place in the DHS Auditorium on February 25th at 7:00pm. This performance will fulfill the

Solo & Ensemble grade requirement for the 3rd quarter. Students may also choose to perform on the recital in addition to performing for the judge at FBA Solo & Ensemble.

<https://forms.gle/H5nJVeWagCsr7SKeA>

Ticket for the recital will be available for FREE. Please be on the lookout for an email about how to request tickets for your family this week. All seats will be pre-assigned to facilitate proper physical distancing just like we did for the Prism concerts back in December. 😊

In-Class Solo & Ensemble Performances

In-class performances will take place next week – Wednesday February 24th & Friday February 26th. Sign-up sheets for these performances will be passed around this week in class. Please remember – all students must perform a solo or small ensemble this quarter as part of their grade for band class. Students had the option to play for the FBA judge (registration is now closed), perform on the recital, or perform for their class. Students who do not complete this requirement will receive a zero for this grade. Students performing for their class may choose any piece of music they like as long as they spend time properly preparing the performance.

Upcoming Important Dates

- February 19-20 – FBA Solo & Ensemble MPA (virtual)
- February 24th & 26th – In-Class Solo & Ensemble Performances
- February 25th – Solo & Ensemble Recital 7pm
- March 1-18th – Popcorn Fund Raiser
- March 5th – Volusia Jazz Clinic (tentative)
- March 13th – Bulldog Yard Sale (band fund raiser)
- March 17-19th – All Shook Up performances
- March 27th – FFCC Winterguard Championships (Daytona Beach Ocean Center)
- April 10th – Concert Band Assessment (at DHS)
- May 1st – Spring Band Concert (at DHS)
- May 4th – Night of Jazz & Percussion Concert (Athens Theatre)

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). 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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