

Happy Sunday band family!

I hope that everyone is enjoying their second 3-day weekend in a row as we tomorrow is a Teacher Planning Day and a non-school day for students. On Tuesday we kick off the 3rd quarter!

This Week:

Monday (1/25) – no school

Tuesday (1/26) – Winterguard 4:00-7:00pm

Wednesday (1/27) – open

Thursday (1/28) – Winterguard 4:00-7:00pm

Friday (1/29) – open

Saturday 1/30 – volunteer pep band for MeStrong (sign up by Wednesday)

All-County Band Auditions

The final day to submit audition videos was January 23. If you had any technical difficulties with submitting your audition videos, please let me know ASAP so we can fix it. The “virtual” audition concept is new for everyone this year, so we are being flexible to account for technical difficulties, etc.

Volunteer Pep Band – Saturday January 30

We have been asked to perform (as a pep band) for the 2021 "Virtual" MeStrong drive-thru packet pick-up event on January 30th. This is a great opportunity for our band to safely support this important community event. This is completely optional and students that participate will earn community service hours (4) for their preparation and participation. Students are responsible for completing the paperwork to receive credit and bringing it to Ms. Leimer to sign.

We will be performing from 9:00am-11:00am. The CALL TIME is 8:30am. The event is taking place at the Sanborn Center at Earl Brown Park. Performers will wear the green spirit shirt with khaki shorts (or jeans if the temperature is below 60). Please make sure you also have your bell cover and musician mask in order to perform.

The band will stage like we did at football games with 6 feet between performers. We will be standing the entire time, playing outside. There will be no chairs or music stands. All students that participate are responsible for bringing their own flip folder with pep music and their own marching band instrument. Marching instruments must be taken home on Friday afternoon and returned on Monday morning. We will be performing stands tunes from football season. Don't forget to bring your flip folder!

The band will not be in contact with anyone other than each other as this is a "drive-thru" event. All spectators will remain in their cars and the band will be distanced from the other volunteers. Everyone must wear their band mask and have a bell cover for their instrument. Temperatures will be checked upon arrival for all volunteers and students.

Section leaders - please make sure there are enough people from you section that sign up to attend to cover the necessary parts so that the music sounds awesome!

Drum Majors - at least one of you must attend to conduct the pep band.

Percussion - please make sure we have enough people to cover at least one person each on snare, bass, tenors, and cymbals.

Please use this form to sign up to participate. You must sign up by Wednesday January 27th so that we can properly track everyone for community service hours and temperature checks.

<https://forms.gle/UaFuWUm6pLJCQGEs7>

Upcoming Important Dates

- January 23rd – All-County Audition videos DUE (Canvas)
- January 30th – Optional Pep Band Performance (more info soon)
- February 1st – Percussion after-school rehearsals resume
- February 2nd – Symphonic Band after-school rehearsals resume
- February 3rd – Wind Ensemble after-school rehearsals resume
- February 13th – 1st Winterguard Competition
- February 19-20 – NEW Solo & Ensemble dates
- February 25th – Solo & Ensemble Recital 7pm

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