

Hello band fam!

Thank you to everyone that volunteered for the pep band Saturday morning at MeStrong! We had a great turn-out and so much fun! I have received many grateful messages from the organizers and members of the community. The band plays well and brought lots of enthusiasm. Thank you also to the parents that volunteered. We couldn't have done it without your help. Don't forget to get your community service form from student services for me to sign so that you can get credit for the volunteer hours. I'll let you know when the t-shirts come in. ☺

This Week:

Monday (2/1) – Percussion Rehearsal (Wind Ensemble perc. Only) 3:45-5:15pm

Tuesday (2/2) – Symphonic Band 4:00-6:00pm; Winterguard 4:00-7:00pm

Wednesday (2/3) – “virtual” Wind Ensemble rehearsal (see details below)

Thursday (2/4) – ASU Pit Rehearsal 4:00-5:30pm; Winterguard 4:00-7:00pm

Friday (2/5) – open

After School Rehearsals

After school rehearsals for percussion, symphonic band, wind ensemble, and All Shook Up (ASU) pit begin this week. These rehearsals are MANDATORY and count as a grade (except for ASU). Please make sure you are in attendance.

Percussion will rehearse every Monday from 3:45-5:15pm. Most of these rehearsals will be with all of percussion, but this week is Wind Ensemble only and next week is Symphonic Band only. After next week (starting on Feb. 22), Monday rehearsals will be for ALL percussionists.

Symphonic Band will rehearse every Tuesday from 4:00-6:00pm. The format will continue from the fall rehearsals – 30 minute rehearsal, 15 minute break, 30 minute rehearsal, 15 minute break, 30 minute rehearsal, dismissal. The purpose of the breaks is to clear the air in the band room and give the students an outside break to breathe.

Wind Ensemble will rehearse every Wednesday from 4:00-6:00pm using the same format listed above for Symphonic Band. This Wednesday's rehearsal will be “virtual” due to the senior panoramic photo at Spec Martin being schedule for the same time. Rather than meet as a full ensemble all together, Wind Ensemble students will be required to spend 90 minutes of their own time practicing the 3 pieces we are working on – Easter Monday March, Festive Overture, & Angels of the Apocalypse. Students will log their time using the form provided in Canvas (under “assignments) and submit this time to me for a grade by Sunday February 7. Students may choose to practice individually or with a small group from their section.

ASU (All Shook Up) pit rehearsals begin this week. The rehearsal schedule is posted in the ASU Canvas course. The musical is only a little more than a month away, so it is also important that pit members practice their music outside of rehearsal. There is a lot of music to learn. I will also be posting rehearsal tracks in the Canvas as soon as I receive them.

Winterguard rehearsals will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-7:00pm. We are also planning for an all-day rehearsal on President's Day (February 15). We are working on securing a gym space for this rehearsal, so please stand by for the exact times and location.

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.

Upcoming Important Dates

- 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 (virtual)
- February 24th & 26th – In-Class Solo & Ensemble Performances
- February 25th – Solo & Ensemble Recital 7pm
- 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)

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