

Good afternoon band fam!

I hope that everyone had a restful, safe Spring Break. It is hard to believe that we are entering the final quarter of school. It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming everyone back for band camp and now we are getting ready to say goodbye to our beloved seniors!

This Week:

Monday (3/29) – open

Tuesday (3/30) – Symphonic Band 4:00-6:00pm

Wednesday (3/31) – Wind Ensemble 4:00-6:00pm

Thursday (3/11) – Drum Club 3:45-5:15pm

Friday (3/12) – open

Winterguard

Congratulations to our Winterguard for a beautiful final performance of their show “You Say” on Saturday at the FFCC Championships in Daytona Beach. I am incredibly proud of these students for the hard work and dedication they put into this show. This season was filled with many unusual challenges, but these amazing students persevered and came away with a mature, artistic, and beautiful show. To watch the show, please check out this YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/SiXQniu4Rhs>

MPA Concert – April 10

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).

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

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

8:30am – Symphonic Band CALL TIME (dressed, in seats in the band room)

8:50am – Symphonic Band warm-up (ends at 9:20am)

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*)
10:15am – Wind Ensemble warm-up (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.

All-County Rehearsals

All-County rehearsals begin this week for the Jazz Band and Orchestra. Please refer to the dates, times, and locations listed below. I have also included the All-County Concert Band, which takes place later in April.

All-County Jazz Band

- Monday, March 29th 6:00-9:00pm at University HS
- Wednesday, March 31st 6:00-9:00pm at Spruce Creek HS
- Friday, April 2nd 9:00am-4:00pm at University HS
- Friday, April 2nd 7:00pm CONCERT at DeLand HS

All-County Orchestra

- Tuesday, March 30th 6:00-9:00pm at University HS
- Thursday, April 1st 9:00am-4:00pm at DeLand HS
- Thursday, April 1st 7:00pm CONCERT at DeLand HS

All-County Concert Band

- Tuesday, April 13th 6:00-9:00pm at Deltona HS
- Thursday, April 15th 6:00-9:00pm at Deltona HS
- Wednesday, April 21st 6:00-9:00pm at Peabody Auditorium
- Thursday, April 22nd 9:00am-4:00pm at Port Orange Amphitheatre
- Thursday, April 22nd 7:00pm CONCERT at Port Orange Amphitheatre

Music for All-County Band was emailed out right before Spring Break. If you were unable to print your music and need me to do it for you, please email me and I will take care of it. :-)

State Solo & Ensemble

State Solo & Ensemble for DHS is on April 9th. 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 8th. I

have scheduled recording sessions in the band room for April 8th for students that would like to record at school. 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

This week we start Drum Club which will meet on Thursdays 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 9th-11th 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!!!

Upcoming Important Dates

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