



# MURPHY BAND NEWS

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## May 2019

Dear Students and Parents:

Our beginner students have now experienced some of the best things about band. We had a fantastic time putting some very fun music together for the Courtyard Festival. We also got to experience how exciting it is to pack up and perform on a band trip! We're proud to announce that our performances earned the top rating from the judging panel.

Our advanced band students have now completed their contest performances and we're quite proud of their accomplishments! Wind Ensemble earned the top ratings at the Peak Music Festival at the Eisemann Center. Concert Band earned Superior ratings at their performance at the Plano Music Festival at the Courtyard Theater.

Our advanced band students also had an opportunity to perform a solo at the Plano East Middle School Band Solo Contest. We had an impressive 93 entries, and nearly all of these students earned the top rating from their judge! Several students were given a special distinction as being the best performances of the day. These exemplary soloists are:

Kaleigh Lopez  
Diya Damodaran  
Victoria Hartman  
Dhruv Patel  
Anish Saraf  
Priyali Dugad

Julianna Grace Dino  
Caitlin Bellegante  
Matthew Alexander  
Ian Wallace  
Emily Balusek  
Aarav Lakdawala

Samantha Vo  
Jason Heston  
Drew Broeckel  
Justin Smith  
Kyle Skinner  
Caleb Trippe

### **A few items for the month of May:**

1. Plano Band Camp Registration - The district hosts a week long summer band camp open to middle school band students in Plano and a few other nearby districts. It is an affordable local camp that will take place over the course of a week in June. It is open to students who have completed 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. Visit this website to download the information flyer: <http://www.murphymband.com/registration.html> Spots are filling up, so act soon!
2. School owned instruments - all school owned instruments (oboes, bassoons, horns, tenor and baritone saxes, euphoniums, and tubas) will need to check their instrument back in for inventory at the end of the month. Summer check-out will be possible to returning students - the Instrument Usage Fee will be due.

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3. Students returning to our band program next year should get involved in a summer band camp or private lessons. This is a great way to keep your skills fresh and makes for a better start to our year.

4. Auditions results will be posted soon. We have three bands for our advanced students. Our goal is to have three really good “teams” that play music appropriate for their individual skill sets and for them to feel corporately successful. We base placement on the snapshot we get at auditions, but we also use past/current performance as a predictor for where they will be in September of the next school year. We aim to be objective and fair, relying on our experience and expertise in this field to make the best decisions. These placements have been carefully considered. Please help your child to navigate any feelings (positive or negative) that might result from their band placements.

We wish all of our graduating 8th graders and their families well! We so appreciate you being a part of our program, and we hope you continue to make music an important part of your life. To all of our returning students, we’re quite excited about next year’s bands! We’re already looking forward to a fantastic year!

## **Important Dates:**

### **May 4 - East Cluster Band Solo Festival**

For students in our Advanced Bands, be sure to review the [information page](#)

### **May 4 - East Side Percussion Concert**

Plano East Senior High Auditorium. Tickets are \$10.00, available at [www.planoeastband.com](http://www.planoeastband.com)

Beginner percussionists report at 4:45 PM

Concert Starts at 6:00 PM

### **May 9 - Advanced Bands Spring Concerts**

Murphy MS - We are planning to have Jazz Band, and our 3 Advanced Bands perform! Details are [here](#)

### **May 24 - Plano Band Camp Registration Deadline**

Late registrations may be accepted, but there will be no refunds beyond this deadline.

Visit <http://www.murphymband.com/registration.html> for all information

### **May 20 - School Owned Instrument Return**

All tubas, euphoniums, french horns, baritone saxes, tenor saxes, bass clarinets, bassoons and oboes must be brought to school and left for inventory and repair evaluation. Take all personal possessions out of the case before turning it in.

### **May 22 - School Owned Instrument Summer Check-out**

For students returning to Murphy MS Band, the Instrument Maintenance Fee of \$85.00 will be due.