



# MURPHY BAND NEWS

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## November 2018

Dear Students and Parents:

This past month was full of music and fun! Our beginner classes have now learned enough skills that they are playing recognizable songs on their instruments. We are excited to perform for you soon!

Our advanced bands played at the 8th grade football games at Kimbrough Stadium and sounded great. Unfortunately, our cluster performance was cancelled over capacity concerns of Williams Stadium.

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

1. Food Sales Fundraiser- Fundraising items will now be delivered on November 7! Please be sure to pick your child up on that day, as the cookie dough needs to be refrigerated right away. We hope there will be a quick turnaround on delivery and bringing all the money back to school. Please report any missing or damaged items to me right away. Remember, checks should be made out to Plano ISD and need to be dated within 5 days of the day they are turned in the school. Please include your child's name and student ID# on all checks.
2. Winter Concert Attire - be sure you have acquired the necessary clothing for our winter concerts in December. Our performance attire is based on a uniform look, school dress code, and common practice among band programs in our area.

#### **BOYS FORMAL ATTIRE:**

- Black, collared long-sleeved dress shirt with no logo. Must be worn buttoned and tucked in.
- Black dress slacks with belt
- Black Socks crew length or longer. No skin should show when the student is seated.
- Black dress shoes. No athletic shoes or sandals

#### **GIRLS FORMAL ATTIRE:**

- Girls may follow the same requirement as boys, but long sleeves and collar are not required.
- Black dress or skirt/blouse combination. Must be knee length or longer WHEN SEATED.
- Black hose or tights (if wearing skirt or dress)
- Black dress shoes. No athletic shoes or sandals.

3. Supplies and Repairs - now that we're in a solid daily routine of playing, there will be some upkeep needs for our players. Reeds will start wearing out and need replacing, instruments will need some maintenance and cleaning, and minor repairs might be needed at times. Before you take any instruments in for repair, please let a band director take a look at it. We often are able to make adjustments and small repairs in a few minutes at no charge to you.



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Finally, a big thank you to all of you have supported our band program through fundraising and volunteering! We appreciate you helping us bring the best possible experience to your children!

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

### **November 1 - McMillen Band Bonanza! @ McMillen HS 7pm**

A required event for 8th graders. No instruments or special attire needed - just enjoy the presentation!

### **November 3 - All Region Band Auditions Phase 1 @ Murphy MS**

For Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble students only. Specifics have been communicated through letters home and Google Classroom. You may contact a director if you have questions.

### **November 5 - All Region Band Auditions Phase 2 @ Nelson MS (Frisco)**

For Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble students who advance to Phase 2 from Phase 1. Specifics will be communicated through handouts and Google Classroom following Phase 1. You may contact a director if you have questions.

### **November 7 - Fundraiser Item Delivery Day**

Be sure to pick-up all items after school. Many students will need parent assistance as they carry boxes of items in addition to their other usual items. Perishable food items must be refrigerated right away.

### **November 9-10 - All Region Band Clinics & Concerts @ Pioneer Heritage MS/Reedy HS**

For students selected in Phase 2. Specifics will be communicated to those students.

### **November 19 - 23 - Thanksgiving Break**

Keep in touch with your instrument if possible.

### **December 11 - Beginner Band Winter Concert @ Murphy MS 7pm**

Required for all students in beginning band classes. A concert letter will be available before the event with details.

### **December 13 - Advanced Bands Winter Concert @ McMillen HS 7pm**

Required for Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble students only. A concert letter will be available before the event with details.