



MURPHY BAND NEWS

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January 2019

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome back to the New Year and to the second semester of our school year! We had some fantastic Winter Concerts last month and are ready to return to more music and fun. We have a lot to look forward to in the Spring Semester!

Our Advanced Band students will be preparing for several events this semester. Our ensembles will be preparing music to be played at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest, which is an important adjudicated event that occurs annually and state-wide. We will also be performing small ensembles at the East Band Chamber Music Contest quite soon, and then students will prepare solos for a Solo Festival in May.

Our Beginner Band classes will be expanding their musical vocabulary to include scales, will develop more advanced techniques, and will have several performance opportunities as well. There will be a low pressure and fun event in February where students can play a short solo with a piano accompanist and earn recognitions and accolades! We will also be combining a couple of times for two performances toward the end of our semester.

Here are the important items for January:

1. Members of Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band will need to pay their entry fee for the PISD East Cluster Band Chamber Music Contest that is taking place on February 1st. This fee is \$8.00, and is payable through Parent Portal. We need these fees paid by January 14. There will be a letter with all the details for this event.
2. We are starting to prepare for our Medieval Times Trip on Friday, February 22. This is an optional social for any band student, and payment will be due by January 22 through Parent Portal. A detailed letter will be coming out this month.
3. January 18 is Group Picture day! We will need all of our students to wear their band t-shirt and long pants (jeans are best) for the pictures. These photos are for the yearbook, and each band class will have their own photo.
4. Quite soon, you will be signing up for your classes for next year!
 - a. 8th graders: Give band a chance in 9th grade. You'll be so glad you did!
 - b. 7th graders: We look forward to you joining us again next year and being student leaders in our ensembles!
 - c. 6th graders: Now that you've learned HOW to play your instrument, you will have a chance to be in a BAND. The winter concert gave you a taste of how awesome a band can be. We hope you will join us and be a part of our nationally recognized bands!



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Important Upcoming Dates:

January 8 - First day of Second Semester

We will be playing our instruments and having class as usual. Bring all of your instrument and supplies.

January 14 - Entry fees due for Chamber Music Contest

\$8.00 paid on [Parent Portal](#), for members of Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band only.

January 18 - Group Picture Day

Wear your band t-shirt and jeans!

January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Student/Teacher Holiday

January 22 - Payment is due for the Medieval Times Trip

The trip will take place on February 22. 6pm leave from Murphy MS, and 10:45pm return. Two step registration: payments are made on [Parent Portal](#), and your registration will be through [this link](#) (also posted on our website)

January 23 - Wind Ensemble performs for visiting 5th Graders

These performances will take place during school. Wear your band t-shirts!

February 1 - PISD East Cluster Band Chamber Music Contest @ Bowman Middle School

Performances will take place at various times in the evening. Formal attire. Concert Black!