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March 2020

Dear Students and Parents:

Our beginner students have been growing fast! We've now made it through most scales and have worked on solos to perform. Several of our students performed solos at our beginner solo festival and did an outstanding job. Nearly every student earned a "Superior" rating for their first performance! A few students were selected as stand-outs for exceptional performances. These "Exemplary" performances were:

Kara Nguyen	Rohan Kunta	Rohit Kunta	Kristian Leask
Amber Gesell	Ryan Thieu	Sofia Tepichin	Cooper Cornell
Julia Eubanks	Ian Cordell	Anderson To	Jessica Chung

Josiah Martin

Soon we will be working on music for our trip to Courtyard Theater! This is an important moment for our young musicians as it gives our students a moment to be in a band, go on a trip, perform fun music and have fun with friends. All of these things are some of the best parts of being in band.

Our advanced band students have been preparing their contest music. Concert Band is preparing for a music festival at the Courtyard Theater, while Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble have been working toward the U.I.L Concert and Sightreading Evaluation. These events are demonstrations of skill mastery, and earning a top rating at these events is quite challenging. So much work on many details goes into our performances at these events, and our students are rising to the occasion!

A few items for the month of March:

1. Pre-UIL Concert - Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will present their contest program to a judging panel, and this is open to the public for parents and family to enjoy. This will take place at McMillen High School on Thursday, March 5.
2. UIL Concert and Sightreading Evaluation- Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will travel to Frisco to perform their contest programs for the official judging panel. These events will typically take place during school hours. These concerts are open to the public and admission is free, so you are invited to come if you are available. Times should be available soon.



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3. Plano Band Camp Registration Opens - 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. Registration will open the week after spring break. Visit this website to download the information flyer: <http://www.murphymband.com/registration.html>
4. Audition music for the 2020-2021 Murphy Bands will be coming out soon after Spring Break. Your child will receive a packet that contains information, dates, and music for this process.
5. Solo Festival - for our 7th and 8th graders, information for our Solo Festival will be available soon. There will be a detailed handout with information after Spring Break.
6. Six Flags Trip - for our 7th and 8th graders, information for our April trip to Six Flags will be available soon as well.

Important Dates:

March 2 - Spring Open House

Select ensembles will perform in various locations in the building.

March 5 - Pre-UIL Concert @McMillen HS

Required for Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. We will perform a preview of our UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest programs for you and some guest adjudicators.

March 25 - UIL Concert and Sightreading Evaluation for Symphonic Band

Memorial HS, Frisco - Required, Formal Attire - Performance time: 5:20 PM

March 29 - Six Flags Registration Due

For 7th/8th graders going on our April 27 trip to Six Flags

April 1 - UIL Concert and Sightreading Evaluation for Wind Ensemble

Independence HS, Frisco - Required, Formal Attire - Performance: 4:20 PM