



MURPHY BAND NEWS

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April 2019

Dear Students and Parents:

Our beginner students have grown so much! They can now play several scales, and are tackling a big challenge learning the audition music! We are also working on preparing a great concert for you at the end of month which will be an exciting way to wrap up our school year! There is a field trip that many of them have qualified for, and we will be sending home an information page soon.

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 completed their performances at 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! Symphonic Band earned top ratings on both stage and in sight-reading, Wind Ensemble earned an Excellent rating on the stage and top ratings in sight-reading. We're proud of both of these groups!

A few items for the month of April:

1. **Auditions** - All students who wish to be a part of the band program next year will need to audition for a director. We are doing this the week of April 15. All specifics for these auditions are in the audition packets we distributed to ALL students after Spring Break. Please refer to the audition packet for the schedule and other specifics.
2. **Plano Band Camp Registration is Open**- 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>
3. **Solo Festival** - for our 7th and 8th graders, registration is due on April 5. Please visit our website to complete the registration.
4. **Beginning Band Events: There is so much going on this month with our beginners!**
 - a. Beginner Band Spring Rehearsal - We had to make a change to the Beginning Band Spring Rehearsal. It will now be on Friday, April 26. It will take place after school in the band room. Navy Band: 3:40PM - 4:30 PM, Silver Band: 4:40 - 5:30 PM This event is required of all beginning band students.
 - b. Beginner Band Courtyard Theater Performance - we are taking a select group of students to the Courtyard Theater in Plano for a contest performance. Afterward we will head over



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to Adventure Landing (\$18.00 fee paid on Parent Portal). This event is optional. Some of the details of this event are being finalized at the time of this writing. Stay tuned for updates.

- c. Beginning Band Spring Concert - On Tuesday April 30, we will have our Spring Awards Concert. We will recognize the achievements of our students and present some great music for you! This event is required of all beginning band students.

Important Dates:

April 15 - Audition for Murphy Bands 2019-2020

Please refer to the audition packet for days and times.

April 26 - Beginning Band Spring Concert Rehearsals

Navy Band: 3:40 PM - 4:30 PM

Silver Band: 4:40 PM - 5:30 PM

This event is required of all beginning band students.

April 27 - Band Six Flags Trip

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

April 29 - Beginning Bands Perform at Courtyard Theater

Performance times have not been finalized by the contest organizer. We are likely performing in the morning with both groups.

April 30 - Beginning Band Concert

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NAVY BAND

Warm-up in Band Room: 6:00 pm

Performance on Stage: 6:30 pm

SILVER BAND

Warm-up in Band Room: 7:00 pm

Performance on Stage: 7:30pm

May 2 - Wind Ensemble Performance at Peak Festival

Eisemann Center, Richardson

10:30 AM Performance

May 4 - Solo Contest at Bowman Middle School

For 7th/8th graders, performances throughout the day