



# High School Music News December 2023

## December Concert Reminder

**The High School Concert will take place on Tuesday 12/19/23, at 6:30 PM in the auditorium.**

- Students should arrive in concert dress (black shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black shoes) by 5:45 pm.
- Auditorium doors will open for 6:15 pm (concert warm-ups take place until this time. Please do not enter the auditorium until the doors open at 6:15)
- This is a mandatory performance for all students in Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Jazz, and Percussion Ensemble.

We will celebrate our performance with a lunch during the 3 lunch blocks on Thursday, 12/21/23. Students who wish to participate can bring in \$5.00 towards the food and drink, or \$3.00 and something to share (soda, chips, desserts, etc.) Students must sign up to participate, so we know how much pizza to order! Sign-up here: [PIZZA PARTY SIGN-UP](#)

## Cookie Dough/Pie Sale Order Pick-Ups

For those who sold frozen foods, such as cookie dough and pies, through the music department, the orders will be in for pick up on WED, DECEMBER 20, 2023

- Plan to pick up your order **2:15-5:30**.
- Reserve time for checking your order for accuracy.
- Orders will be available in the High School Cafeteria. Park in the back lot and enter through the cafeteria doors.

## Honors Acceptances

Congratulations to our students accepted to Area All-State this year.

### **Junior High Area All-State Orchestra**

Allicyn Bisaha and Genevieve Brown

### **High School Area All-State Band**

Andrew Waite - alternate

## **Music Department Trip**

Students participating in the Virginia trip on 3/26-29, 2024, please make sure you check with your conductor for payment schedule information. A letter will be given to each student who is participating on or before December 8. All payments are different, depending on the fundraising your student has participated in. Reach out to Mrs. Perkins with any questions or concerns about the trip.

All students are given the opportunity to fundraise for the trips we take. This year, our fundraising calendar will include the events below. Please watch for more information about each event.

- 12/15 Gertrude Hawk Bars money is due
- TBD Music Clothing Sale

## **Scholarships**

Throughout the year, a variety of music scholarships are offered to area students. Keep your eye on our Google Classrooms for applications and deadlines. These are posted as they are received by the music faculty.

# Are you considering purchasing a musical instrument?

If you are considering purchasing a musical instrument AT ANY LEVEL of your student's musical education, please take a moment to assure a great **investment** for your musical future.

## **A quality instrument:**

- ✓ Is made by a company with a long-standing history of quality. Examples of band instruments include, but are not limited to, Yamaha, Conn-Selmer, Bach, Geimenhardt, Fox-Renard, and Buffet. For orchestra, examples include Shen and Eastman. Even certain models from these manufacturers and from certain dates may have known concerns.
- ✓ Comes with a warranty. Read the fine print on websites VERY carefully, as many sites include no warranty.
- ✓ Is made of materials that meet industry standards. Be particularly aware of lacquer quality.
- ✓ Many quality used instruments are available, even at the local level. As students progress and upgrade to intermediate and professional level horns, they will often sell their excellent student models at a great discount! Local stores and private music teachers should be your FIRST stop to find these instruments. If you see one online, check with your teacher FIRST before making an offer.

## **Be careful of off-brand/colored instruments. Our district's experience shows:**

- Repair costs are significantly higher. Repair parts can be difficult to obtain. Many times, the cost of making the instrument playable is more than the purchase price.
- Instruments are often unable to be tuned, increasing frustration for students and making them inappropriate for use in band and orchestra.
- Colored lacquers often chip quickly. Be aware of the current issues in regards to lead paint on imported products.
- Questionable materials may be in the metal. The metal is often weak and bends easily – even being damaged as musicians put the instrument together.
- These instruments are often found in store and warehouse catalogs, or on non-music store websites.

*Always consult with your student's music teacher about what instrument will best fit their needs, and where to find the instrument.* Teachers will also offer their professional guidance regarding instruments that you are considering.

***Remember – you get the quality you pay for!***