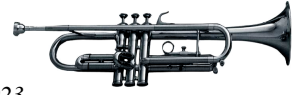


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FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BAND HOLIDAY SEASON PERFORMANCE...

To all 5th and 6th Grade Band Members and Parents:

One of the best motivational tools for the students to push themselves and further develop their skills is an impending public performance. We also use these events as a chance for assessment of where we are at that point in time in our progression as musicians.

Normally our 5th and 6th grade Band students would perform on the same night as the Elementary Holiday season music concert, which would normally be in December. This is ideal as we really don't have enough material to bill it as a major concert and it is very practical for the parents in terms of everything being on the same night. However, due to Mrs. Geisler's exciting upcoming event, that concert was moved up a month this year and, of course, has already taken place. We knew from the start of planning, that we would not be able to have the new 5th grade class ready to play in public by that date.

Both Elementary Band classes do, however, still need a performance goal for the semester to create rehearsal energy and a "need to practice and excel." We have been going back and forth between two different performance ideas for this unique season and this is where we have finally landed. We have decided on the following one-time plan for this unique year...

The 5th and 6th Grade Band classes will present a "mini-concert" on Monday evening, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the HIGH SCHOOL. The 6th grade will present the bulk of the program material, as they usually do. The finale of the concert will be the debut of the new 5th grade class, who will perform a few numbers both by themselves and then combined with the 6th graders.

The concert will be relatively short, but as with all band performances, there is always a certain amount of "prep time" needed before the concert to set up, warm up, tune their horns, etc. **Students will need to report to the HIGH SCHOOL by 6:30 p.m.**

We are tentatively planning an informal Q & A session immediately after the performance for any questions anyone may have concerning Elementary band.

A side note: This date is not ideal. A Monday night concert in our Band world is NOT a great option, but of our choices available, it worked out as the best option. Please be mindful of the fact that there are an exceptionally limited number of options available on the calendar for using the gyms during the month of December.

This should be a fun little program to hear the progress these young players are making. We look forward to seeing you on December 19. Until then, enjoy the upcoming holiday season!

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