



Fort Calhoun Pioneer Band



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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.

At this point in the year, the Elementary Bands really don't have enough material to present what we might bill as a "major concert" but we tried a different format last year and many thought it worked better than our previous format and gives more focus to the actual band performance. So we will continue with that game plan and think of it in terms of presenting a "mini-concert."

Here is the plan...

The 5th and 6th Grade Band classes will present a "mini-concert" on Tuesday 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.**

All Band students are expected to be present for class performances. Students should dress up a bit. Dressing up helps set the performance up as a "special event and time" at which we have to play our very best.

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: While this date might not have been my first choice, it does give us as much time as we could hope for to get ready. 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. There really was no other option this season.

This should be a fun little program which enables us 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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