

10/21/2021

Dear Band Parents & or Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of the annual Jefferson Winter Band Concert. It is hard to believe that the holiday season is almost here and we can play a concert again! Band students have submitted playing tests, memorized note names and rhythms, learned musical signs, symbols & vocabulary in Italian, taken written quizzes, and so much more. This is a required concert that is worth a portion of the 9 week band grade. Every student is expected to do their best in preparing for this performance and to meet performance criteria (correct interpretation of notes, rhythms and other musical indications, consistent and accurate performance, and a constructive contribution to the performance). Some students will not be permitted to perform in the concert due to low grades on playing tests, frequent absences, too many write ups, or simply not meeting required benchmarks. Those students will be assigned an alternate assignment. Additionally, if your child cannot attend the concert, a parent note or email is required to be turned in 2 weeks prior to the concert stating the reason of the absence.

The Jefferson Winter Band Concert is scheduled for December 14th in the Jefferson Gymnasium. Concert admission is \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 per family which ever less is. Children under 12 are admitted free. We will have a mandatory combined rehearsal (12/14/21) in the Jefferson Gym during the school day in preparation for the evenings concert.

Please remind your child they will need the following things:

- Instrument (labeled clearly with your name, address & school) and required equipment (reeds, mutes, sticks, mallets, valve oil, pencil, music, book, etc.)
- Folder, book, pencil & all concert music (labeled clearly with your name)
Beginning Band: TOE Band book songs on pages 9, 12 and 13.
Jazz Ensemble: 4 songs chosen later
7/8 Concert Band: Fanfare & Fireworks, Toboggan Run, A World Holiday Celebration
- Concert Dress: Girls wear black blouse/sweater and black slacks/skirt. Boys wear black oxford shirt or turtleneck and black slacks and shoes. Jazz students should wear jazz shirt for the entire concert.

Please understand that masks are required for all audience members at Jefferson Traditional.

Band Class	Warm-up (Attendance)	Concert Begins
Jazz Ensemble	7:00 PM band room	7:30 PM
Beginning Band	7:00 PM cafeteria	7:30 PM
Concert Band	7:30 PM band room	7:30 PM

I will need a few parents to pass out programs and assist in the warm up area/s on the night of the concert (Dec. 14). This may be used as your volunteering hours in our 3 for me program. If you have any questions, or you wish to help me at the concert please feel free to e-mail or send me a remind. Thank you for your support of music education at Jefferson Traditional.

Musically Yours,

Dawn Forsythe, Director of Bands
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