

BAND NEWS

****E-MAILS AND IMPORTANT REMINDERS GO OUT PERIODICALLY. PLEASE SEND ANY E-MAIL CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO US, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

****ELEMENTARY BAND & STRING CONCERT IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, AT 6:30 P.M. STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO SCAPA AT 6:00 P.M. WHITE TOPS, BLACK PANTS OR SKIRT, DARK SHOES. THE CONCERT DATE WAS GIVEN OUT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE CONCERT IS MANDATORY AND A PART OF YOUR STUDENT'S GRADE.**

FOURTH GRADE BAND – The fourth grade general band class is doing very well. Students should be practicing their concert music from their book, "Standard of Excellence, Book 1." We are very excited about the upcoming concert. I am pleased with the progress of the band and the level of enthusiasm. A few students are still struggling a bit. This can be remedied with regular practice. The hard work will pay off, and is crucial in these beginning stages. I can't stress enough the importance of practicing at least 75 minutes a week. A few have not yet attained this. The blue practice sheet must be signed by you each week to verify home practice. Practice reports are due each Wednesday. There is no penalty for late practice reports. If students turn it in without a parent signature they get half credit. Full credit will be given when the practice report is signed. Please continue to offer your student plenty of encouragement and support in these beginning stages of playing. Some cases are still not labeled with the student's name. Please check this. **THE FIRST ELEMENTARY BAND AND STRINGS CONCERT IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 6:30 P.M., STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM AT 6:00 P.M. WHITE TOPS, BLACK SKIRTS OR PANTS AND DARK SHOES ARE THE CONCERT ATTIRE.**

FIFTH GRADE BAND – Practice reports are being taken up every Tuesday. Please sign reports weekly. Seventy-five minutes per week, outside of class, is the expected practice time. This is a significant part of the grade. Rental forms for school instruments have been issued. If you have not filled out that form and sent in the fee, please take care of this as soon as possible. Students are playing some challenging pieces, and doing very well. You will be pleasantly

surprised at the difference that you will hear. **THE FIRST ELEMENTARY BAND AND STRINGS CONCERT IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 6:30 P.M., STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO THE BAND ROOM AT 6:00 P.M. WHITE TOPS, BLACK SKIRTS OR PANTS AND DARK SHOES ARE THE CONCERT ATTIRE. MAKE SURE EVERYTHING STILL FITS.** The second concert is December 9th at Lafayette H.S. gymnasium. Students report at 6:30 p.m. and concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Concert dress the same for both concerts. Your kids are great. Your encouragement and support is always appreciated.

ELEMENTARY BAND MAJORS- Students continue to work with the Alfred Interactive Theory program in the computer lab each Friday. Students are making nice progress. Majors have just begun working on solos which will be shared with the class and videotaped. Please continue to help your students with their 6 new vocabulary terms to be learned weekly. They will be tested each Wednesday. They are doing better with the terms. Practice reports are still due each Wednesday. One-hundred minutes per week, outside of class, is the expected practice time. Students may count their private lessons on their practice reports. Elementary band majors will be showcased on the December 3rd concert with several pieces of their own.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND- Please encourages students to keep a regular practice schedule, and don't forget to sign their practice reports weekly. These are due every Wednesday, 150 minutes per week for majors, 100 minutes per week for minors. Private lessons and hard work have really helped many of the students develop musically. Sign-ups for M-2 lessons sponsored by the Lafayette Band will take place in January. Students currently taking lessons through this program will need to sign-up again. New students are welcome at this time. Students were issued a gold colored form with band fees and solo & ensemble fees. These forms were due November 24th. There are a few students still need to meet with me on Monday, November 30th. Most students will be able to show you their form and get it signed. Just add up the amount of money required according to events chosen plus the top portion of the form. Make checks out to SCAPA.

ALL-COUNTY HONOR BAND

SCAPA band students did a fabulous job at All-County Honor band auditions. Fifty-five SCAPA students auditioned for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade honor band. Forty of them were accepted. Over 600 students from Fayette County auditioned. SCAPA All-County Honor Band

students just received their informational letter. The \$20 fee is due as soon as possible. Congratulations to the following students:

SIXTH GRADE HONOR BAND

Stephen Abney- 3rd chair trumpet
Lane Aldridge- 1st chair clarinet
Kynnadie Bennett- 15th chair clarinet-
Herman Bratcher- 1st chair French horn
Katie Cox- 1st chair baritone
Sam Flomenhardt- 1st chair tuba
Daniel Gratz- 4th chair percussion
Victoria Hall- 1st chair bassoon
Megan Leiter- 1st chair flute
Taylor Price- 2nd chair clarinet
David Seder- 2nd chair trombone
Hitomi Shimojo- 2nd chair flute
Sal Whitaker- 7th chair trumpet
Quin Yessin- 2nd chair french horn
Seanna Bryant- Alternate 1- flute
Kurtis Brown- Alternate 3- percussion
Abby Wrightson- Alternate 1- oboe
Troy Walton- Alternate 3- trombone
Vincent Clark- Alternate 4- trombone

SEVENTH GRADE HONOR BAND

Callie Babcock- 4th chair french horn
Holly Bennett- 7th chair flute
Bruce Cotton- 1st chair tuba
Mandy Daniel- 1st chair trombone
Jonathan Griggs- 3rd chair percussion
Adam Henthorne- 5th chair percussion
Joel Nelson- 4th chair alto saxophone
Esther Putman- 1st chair oboe
Nathan Rayens- 3rd chair baritone
Jake Roney- 3rd chair french horn
Zack Schneider- 2nd chair trumpet
Hallie Walther- 5th chair clarinet
Aidan Ziliak- 6th chair trumpet
Julien Thibault- Alternate 2 baritone saxophone

EIGHTH GRADE HONOR BAND

Aly Ackerman- 14th chair clarinet
Danny Alford- 1st chair trombone
Brandyn Duncan- 1st chair percussion

Andy Edwards- 1st chair bass clarinet
Nathan Gillespie- 6th chair trumpet
Laira Kelley- 1st chair alto saxophone
Will Lovan- 3rd chair trumpet
Dylan Rowe- 5th chair trumpet
Devan Schmidt- 2nd chair bassoon
Ashley Whaley- 1st chair french horn
Olivia Yessin- 6th chair french horn
Sydney Gorena- Alternate 2- clarinet

HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES

Middle School Band Majors will perform holiday music in small ensembles at the Holiday Tour of Homes on Richmond Road, Sunday, December 6th from 3:00-4:00 p.m. These students will perform in the hospitality house, 1601 Richmond Road, where light refreshments will be served for those touring the homes. There will be parking at the Henry Clay Estate.

EKU HONOR BAND

Eleven SCAPA band students were selected for the Eastern Kentucky Middle School Honor Band. Students will rehearse during the day December 12, and then perform a concert at 6:30 that evening. Congratulations to: Julien Thibault, Andy Edwards, Zack Schneider, Holly Bennett, Nathan Rayens, Callie Babcock, Mandy Daniel. Forms And fee are due December 4th.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON CONCERT

We will round out the semester with the Holiday Luncheon concert which will take place on Wednesday, December 16, one performance during the 11:00 lunch, and one performance during the 11:30 lunch. Holiday attire is welcome and sack lunches will work best on this day.

EIGHTH GRADE BAND NIGHT

Eighth grade band students from SCAPA, Jessie Clark, Morton, & LTMS gathered together at Jessie Clark on November 18th, for Eighth Grade Band Night. Students shared a pizza dinner with the Lafayette Band, then enjoyed a performance of "Metamorphosis." Lafayette Band, the State 5A champions, recently performed at BOA Grand Nationals and placed 2nd in their class in semifinals.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

The SCAPA middle school band performed their fall band concert on November 5th in the SCAPA multipurpose room. Selections played by the band were *Sousa, Sousa, Sousa, Themes from Piano Concerto No.*

2, Down by the Salley Gardens, and Fanfare for the Third Planet.
Small ensemble numbers were played by the band majors. This was SCAPA band's best fall concert ever.