

MacArthur Band
Weekly Information Sheet 1/31/21



Mr. Berry Zoom Link:

<https://neisd.zoom.us/j/6122442179>

Ms. Beasley Zoom Link:

<https://neisd.zoom.us/j/7440653455?pwd=TzZWdCswTCswSmp2VWpXZz09>

Mr. Garza Zoom Link:

<https://neisd.zoom.us/j/3864811704>

Monday – February 1, 2021

Full Band (Symphonic Winds) Rehearsal	8:00am–9:30am
*in-person	
Non-Varsity Saxophone Quartet RECORDING	3:45pm–4:00pm
JAZZ BAND REHEARSAL	4:00pm–5:30pm
Horn Sectional	4:00pm–5:30pm

Tuesday – February 2, 2021

Percussion Ensemble Rehearsal	4:00pm–5:30pm
-“Trio” 4-4:45	
Trumpet Sectional	4:00pm–5:30pm
Flute and Oboe Sectional	4:00pm–5:30pm
Color Guard Rehearsal	5:00pm–8:00pm
*Rehearsal will be outside, weather dependent	

Wednesday – February 3, 2021

Full Band (Symphonic Winds) Rehearsal	8:00am–9:30am
*in-person	
Varsity Saxophone Quartet Rehearsal	9:30am–1030am
DRUM CLUB! Middle Schoolers Invited!	4:00pm–5:30pm
Tuba Sectional	4:00pm–5:30pm
Saxophone and Bassoon Sectional	4:00pm–5:30pm

Thursday – February 4, 2021

Percussion Ensemble Rehearsal	4:00pm–5:30pm
-“Fractalia” 4-4:35, “Mudra” 4:40-5:30	
Trombone and Euphonium Sectional	4:00pm–5:30pm

Full Clarinet Sectional

4:00pm–5:30pm

Friday – February 5, 2021

**Full Band (Symphonic Winds) Rehearsal
*in-person**

8:00am–9:30am

Color Guard Rehearsal

5:00pm–8:00pm

***Rehearsal will be outside, weather dependent**

Additional Announcements 1/31/21

SMARTYBACKPACK FUNDRAISER!

Don't forget that our Smarty Backpack fundraiser is taking place through the end of this calendar year! If you are like the majority of students in our program, you have experienced the WORST luck with any of the clear backpacks required by NEISD. Backpacks have ripped, sometimes even as early as the first week they are purchased. **The MacArthur Band has a solution to your problems**, and one that will last ages longer than any of the other competitors. For the MacArthur Band special price of \$40 (a \$10 savings from the normal company price), you can purchase your very own SMARTY backpack, guaranteed to last through the tough wear and tear that a high schooler will put on their equipment. There is no Mac Band logo on this backpack, as this is intended to sell to the entirely MacArthur community and benefit the band program directly. You can either purchase them directly through the band program (we have 50 in stock -blue and black- that we would like to get rid of immediately), or purchase online from the following link –

<http://shop.thesmartyco.com/band>

Please let all family, friends, and community members know about this fundraiser. This is a perfect time to get some holiday gifts selected for our students, and there is no gift more functional than a backpack that will actually last through the year and be stylish enough that your students will enjoy it! This fundraiser will run through the end of the calendar year.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST – FEBRUARY 16, 17, 18th

Students in all five band periods (1, 2, 3, 4, and 6) will participate in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest that will take place AT MACARTHUR after school on February 16, 17, and 18th. Normally, students would travel to perform their solos at Madison High School around this same weekend, but the covid restrictions mean

that we will be conducting the contest on our own campus. Students received their solos before the beginning of winter break, and should have no problem being prepared by this time. **A major portion of the third nine-weeks grade will come from check-ins and lessons on the solos with the band directors. Students will be required to prepare and be assessed by the directors regardless of eligibility or participation.**

FULL BAND REHEARSALS (SYMPHONIC WINDS)

All musicians in the MacArthur Band Program will join together this year for an ensemble called the “Symphonic Winds”. This band will perform at UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest in the spring, and will rehearse primarily outside of the school day to accommodate all students from different classes. Rehearsals will take place Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8-9:30am, and students will have an afternoon sectional once a week from 4-5:30pm. Percussion students will not join for the morning rehearsals until the middle to end of February. We will announce those dates well in advance. **All students that are attending school in-person are required to attend these rehearsals, and students may only opt-out for Covid, family decisions. It is expected all students are in attendance at all rehearsals unless a medical situation dictates otherwise.**

SPIRITWEAR/MAC BAND GEAR WEBSITE FINISHED!

We are incredibly excited to announce that a full MacArthur Band online store is up and running! Please see the initial offerings at the following link:

<https://menganstudios.com/collections/mac-band-spirit-store>

2021 SPRING SCHEDULE ONLINE!

Please note that the entire schedule for the summer and fall marching seasons has been posted online to the best of our knowledge. All rehearsals, days off of school, and clinics have been included. Please use this for planning testing dates, vacations, trips, and any other potential conflicts for that part of the year.
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calendar.asp?s=MacArthurHSB>

NO CASH IN THE BLUE BOX!!

We (I) have not done a good job of enforcing our “no cash” policy for any payments going to the blue box, but it is extremely important based on our recent events that all payments be check or money order. Although more inconvenient, we have to ensure that your payments are safe, and the people handling money are safe as well. Again, please make sure all payments are made by check or money order. Thank you

MacArthur HS Band Smarty Backpack Fundraiser

You can visit the link or scan the QR code for someone to contact you:

<https://forms.gle/oGTff2v5jun253eV6>



Visit <http://shop.thesmartyco.com/band> directly to purchase a backpack

Or

Scan here to go directly to the fundraiser website:



←Blue, Black, Gray,
& Pink available
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(No Mac Band Logo)

