

This Week In Band: 1/27

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Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend!

I was honored to judge the clarinets again for the West Region AMEA Regional Honor Band on Friday and Saturday. I evaluated more than 50 clarinet players in grades 9-12, and it was wonderful running into many former students in the hallways on breaks who were there for their auditions. :) 55 students from the Corona Band made it into the Regional Honor Band, which is far more than any other school in the region, including many former Pueblo Band students!! I can't wait to see their concert on February 15th!!

While it was a very busy working weekend for both of us, we also found some nice family time. We watched the amazing Oscar winning documentary that I had the 7th and 8th grade students watch while I was in California called "The Last Repair Shop." My husband and son hadn't seen it yet, so it was wonderful to watch it all together. You can find it on YouTube as well as Disney Plus. I highly recommend watching it as well as the short documentary on composing the score to it. For the documentary, be sure to watch all the way until the end of the credits. That last performance is amazing!

We also went to KTR, which was my first time going. It was such a cool place! If it's new to you, KTR is an indoor facility that is half indoor skate park and half trampoline/parkour. They have music playing and sell food that smelled pretty good! There were several birthday parties going on and kids

from little ones through older teens. There's a nice waiting area for parents too, and I got some great reading done :)

For my fellow readers out there, I finished three books this weekend! The physical book *Weyward* (multi-generational book about women who are witches—it was good, but it had a lot of domestic violence, which I always find really tough), audiobook “Great and Precious Things,” by Rebecca Yarros (it was good, but I liked her book “The Things We Leave Unfinished” better), and “The Third Gilmore Girl,” an autobiography by Kelly Bishop, the Grandma on *Gilmore Girls* (fabulous!! I highly recommend it!).

How was your weekend? Feel free to share :)

Shoutout: Jazz Band

Great job to the Pueblo Jazz Band for a fantastic performance at the 5th Grade Showcase last Wednesday! Thank you so much to all the parents for helping transport them and to Marty and Veronica for being our awesome Band Parent Ambassadors!!!

Extra Credit: Tempe Winds Concert TOMORROW—FREE FOR KIDS

Next Tuesday, January 28th is our next Tempe Winds concert (see attached flyer). With all the Tempe district auditoriums either booked or undergoing renovations, we will be performing this concert in the children's center at Grace Community Church in Tempe.

This concert is called *Luminaries* and will feature pieces by lesser known composers with fascinating stories! Much of the music is very modern sounding, Tickets are \$7 each for adults and must be purchased in advance (kids 18 and under are free!). Here is the website to purchase tickets:

<https://www.tempewinds.org/> . Students can check in with me at the concert to receive their 100 points of extra credit.

Here is a map to the performance venue. Grace Community Church Children's Center 1200 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, 85282



Band Parent/Teacher Conferences

Pueblo Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up next Wednesday and Thursday (February 5th and 6th). I will be in the MPR from 1:45-6:30pm on Wednesday and 1:45-4:00pm on Thursday. Conferences are optional and students are welcome to attend with their parents but aren't required. **If you would like to sign-up for a conference with me for band, please click [here](#).**

Pueblo Band Yearbook Pictures: February 13th

Please note that we will be having Pueblo Band yearbook photos on Thursday, February 13th during the school day. I will work out a schedule to have Concert Band and 6th Grade Band combine during one of those class periods for their photo.

Concert Band and 6th Grade Band students will need to wear or bring their Pueblo Band concert polo for the photo (no need for the black pants/shoes for the photos—whatever they want to wear for pants is fine).

Symphonic Band students will wear an all black shirt, but ties aren't required since we'll be taking the photo during their class period. They can change into their shirt at the start of class (or put it on over whatever other shirt they're wearing) and take it off after the photo.

Practice Records: Week 2

We are in Week 2 of our current Practice Record, which is due on Tuesday, February 25th.

We had Practice Record #4 due last Tuesday. They are worth 60 points if students turn them in tomorrow (Tuesday) and 50 points if they turn them in on Wednesday.

As a reminder, I check everyone's Practice Record on Mondays. Students who have a parent/guardian signature and minutes written in can earn 2 Dawg Tags! I have many extra practice records, so your student may ask any time if they need a new practice record. Students must have all 5 signatures, minutes recorded for each week, their name, start date, due date, practice assignments written (on the back), and turned in on time in order to earn their 100 points. Remember—time spent playing their instrument outside of their class period (including practicing saying their note names and fingerings/studying their fingering chart) all counts as practice minutes. Please let me know if you have any questions about practice records.

Pueblo Spring Band Concert on Thursday, February 27th

This is the same date from the Band Concert calendar (yay!!!). I will send home concert reminder letters as it gets closer, but here are the main details:

Concert Date: Thursday, February 27th in the Pueblo Amphitheater (it's in the center of campus outside the MPR)

Warm-Up: 5:30pm in the Pueblo Band Room for all students.

Concert Time: 6:00pm in the Pueblo Amphitheater

Concert Order: Jazz Band, 6th Grade Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band

Students will sit with their families before and after their performance and stay for the entire concert.

What to Bring: Bring camping chairs, picnic blankets, beach towels, etc. for the audience. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner too! Our Band Boosters will be selling concessions before the concert and between groups as well! It will be a beautiful night!!!

Concert Dress: Same band concert uniform as the fall concert (band polos for 6th grade and Concert Band with black dress clothes; Symphonic Band in

all black dress clothes with Pueblo ties for students who wear ties).

6th Grade Update: Band Karate

- Congratulations to clarinet player Savannah Quezada, our newest Band Karate Black Belt as of last Thursday! Woohoo!!!
- We will have Band Karate this week on Wednesday and Thursday since I will be at a music education conference this Friday.
- We will have Band Karate less often this quarter due to increased difficulty of our concert songs as well as the quarter being shorter.
- As stated in the directions, students may also email me videos to check off songs and/or check them off before school on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings (the band room opens at 7:50 each morning).
- Students will earn a treat for each belt they complete and will earn one Dog Tag per song they complete.

Jazz Band Update

This week we will rehearse on Tuesday and Friday at the normal time (gate closes at 7:05).

The gate opens at 7:00 and closes at 7:05. Please email me or send a message to the Remind if your student will be absent or is running late so I can send someone out to get them (text @puebloja to 81010 if you haven't joined our Remind Jazz Band group yet). If you don't hear from me, **please call the band room phone number if your student arrives after the gate has closed: 480-541-6990.**

- **Third Quarter Jazz Band Dates:**
 - **Tucson Jazz Workshop Daytrip: February 19th**
 - I emailed the online permission slip last week. **Everyone must complete the online permission form found [here](#) no later than Friday, February 14th in order to attend the Jazz Band Tucson Trip.** Thank you so much to those of you who have completed it already!

- Please complete that by Friday, February 14th.
- Here's a rough outline of the day: We will meet at 7:05am, leave at 7:30am (charter bus), do our performance/clinic, have lunch (Park Place Mall), go to Reid Park Zoo, and head back to Pueblo with a return time of 5:00pm.
- **Pueblo Band Concert: February 27th (see concert details earlier in this email)**
- **4th Quarter Jazz Dates:**
 - No rehearsal on 3/25 (first day of the quarter)
 - Normal rehearsals on 3/28 and 4/1
 - No rehearsal on 4/4 (California trip!)
 - **Pueblopalooza Performance: April 11th**
 - We will once again be performing at the annual Pueblopalooza festival on Friday, April 11th.
 - I don't have our exact performance time yet, but plan on having your students available from 5:00-7:00pm that evening.
 - Students will wear Jazz Band shirts with nice jeans and will need to have their music in a binder with sheet protectors.
 - **Final Pueblo Band Concert: Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00pm.**

Here is the band mentor schedule as a reminder:

The band room is open normal hours this week (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning at 7:50).

Band Mentors

Please make sure they contact their partner anytime they are unable to make it to band mentors. It's not too late to get a mentor! Please have your student submit a form ASAP if they're interested. Here is the schedule:

Student Last Name	Student First Name	Partner Name	Day
Albright	Savannah	Holland Chapman	Thursday

Badillo	Griffin	Micah Berkowitz	Monday
Ball-Perez	Emma	Bryce Hocking	Wednesday
Ball-Perez	Emma	Lucas Miller	Thursday
Barbaree	Jack	Alex DuPlessis	Monday
Bassett	Lillian	Grey Ward	Thursday
Berkowitz	Ari	Savannah Quezada	Thursday
Berkowitz	Micah	Griffin Badillo	Monday
Blinick	Victoria	Zoe Fernandez	Wednesday
Bond	Ace	Elaina Zemke	Thursday
Brish	Solomon	Shane Werkman	Thursday
Butler	Paige	Layla Larson	Thursday
Chapman	Holland	Savannah Albright	Thursday
Coggins	Sophie	Rowan Dowling	Wednesday
Dowling	Rowan	Sophie Coggins	Wednesday
DuPlessis	Alex	Jack Barbaree	Monday
Fagerman	Julia	Nina Griggs	Thursday
Fernandez	Zoe	Victoria Blinick	Wednesday
Foreman	Landon	Luke Shaw	Wednesday
Garcia	Josh	Emma Hocking	Thursday
Garcia	Sable	Ryan Hesselbacher	Thursday
Griggs	Nina	Julia Fagerman	Thursday
Hannah	Parker	Max Ohlgren	Wednesday
Hesselbacher	Ryan	Sable Garcia	Thursday
Hocking	Bryce	Emma Ball-Perez	Wednesday
Hocking	Emma	Josh Garcia	Thursday
Hsieh	Morgan	Kira Lee	Wednesday
Jarvis	Simryn	Xochitl Martinez	Wednesday
Jimenez	Ehlias	Safiya Underwood	Monday

Keiter	Steven	Lyla Sutton	Wednesday
Larson	Layla	Paige Butler	Thursday
Lee	Kira	Morgan Hsieh	Wednesday
Macziewski	Tori	Safiya Underwood	Thursday
Martinez	Xochitl	Simryn Jarvis	Wednesday
Martinez	Xochitl	James Olson	Wednesday
Miller	Lucas	Emma Ball-Perez	Thursday
Ohlgren	Max	Parker Hannah	Wednesday
Ohlgren	Charlie	Evan Sackett	Wednesday
Olson	James	Kai or Xochitl	Wednesday
Quezada	Savannah	Ari Berkowitz	Thursday
Sackett	Evan	Charlie Ohlgren	Wednesday
Shaw	Luke	Landon Foreman	Wednesday
Sutton	Lyla	Steven Keiter	Wednesday
Underwood	Safiya	Tori Macziewski	Thursday
Underwood	Safiya	Ehlias Jimenez	Monday
Ward	Grey	Lillian Bassett	Thursday
Werkman	Shane	Solomon Brish	Thursday
Zemke	Elaina	Ace Bond	Thursday

Thanks everyone! I hope you all have a wonderful week! Reach out with questions anytime!

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