

## This Week In Band: 12/9

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Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend! We had fun sharing about our weekends in class today, and it sounds like there were a lot of birthday parties, cookie making/decorating, Christmas decorating, and sleepovers! Fun!

Our family went up to Prescott for one of our favorite Christmas traditions—the Prescott Christmas Parade and Courthouse lighting! We stayed in a cozy and fun Air BnB and had a wonderful time! We had a great time at all the events and enjoyed meals at our favorite Prescott places: Rosa's for pizza, Papa's for Italian food Saturday night (so crazy good! Definitely make reservations!), and breakfast at That Apple Pan (so cute and great food!). We walked along the beautiful creek with the fall leaves coming down, and it was a welcome pause in this very busy season before we get into our concert weeks.

How was your weekend?

### **Band Room Morning Hours This Week:**

Due to our Jazz Band performance at Paloma Wednesday morning, the band room will be unavailable for practice this Wednesday before school. Students who usually practice on Wednesday mornings can either switch to Thursday or come in Friday morning this week (we won't have Jazz Band Friday due to Wednesday's performance).

### **Shoutout: All State Auditioners**

Congratulations to the 20 students who auditioned for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade All State bands! That's half of our Symphonic Band and a new record for Pueblo for auditions! They had to record their auditions (3 scales and 2 audition etudes all on one take!), and I submitted them all on Friday night. They were given the music in September, so this has been a long process. I'm so proud of everyone for auditioning, and they all had a visit from the candy fairy today :) We should know results by the end of December or early January, and I promise I will share with families as soon as I find out!

### **Pueblo Winter Band Concert: Next Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at Desert Vista**

I have attached the concert reminder from last week again for your reference, but here are the main details:

**Concert Date: Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at Desert Vista High School**

**Warm-Up: 5:45pm** in the Desert Vista Band Room

(Symphonic Band 5:15 rehearsal on stage to rehearse And To All A Good Night with Corona students)

**Concert Time: 6:30pm** in the Desert Vista Auditorium

**Concert Dress:** Same band concert uniform as the fall concert plus optional holiday accessories (santa hat, elf ears, Hanukkah attire, holiday socks, holiday jewelry, etc)

**Instrument Decorations:** Students can dress up their instruments/mallets/drumsticks as long as the instruments still work, the decorations can be removed, and the instrument doesn't get damaged.

**Cookie Reception:** We will need people to donate cookies and other finger food type desserts for our annual Cookie Reception following the concert. Please [click here](#) for the Sign-Up Genius to donate cookies/finger food desserts (can be homemade or store-bought—feel free to use the cookie dough

from our fundraiser!), plates/napkins, and to sign up to help collect and distribute. Let me know if you have any questions, and thank you so much for your help with this fun tradition!

### **Band Ornaments: Order Deadline Friday**

Our wonderful Band Booster President is offering a very special personalized photo ornament gift option this holiday season, and all proceeds will go directly to our Pueblo Band Booster Fund! She made one for me last year, and I can personally attest to the quality! I know I'll definitely be ordering more this year!

#### **Here are the details from Dolores:**

Deck the halls and support Pueblo Band! Commemorate the season and celebrate our talented musicians with a personalized ornament! These beautiful ornaments feature our Pueblo Middle School bulldog, with musical notes and the year.

#### **Here are the ornament options:**

- Single-sided: \$15 - Features the bulldog design with notes and year.
- Double-sided: \$20 - Includes the bulldog design on one side and YOUR photo on the other side!

#### **Here's how to order your ornament:**

- Go to <https://puebloband.com/pueblo-band-store/ols/categories/holiday-ornaments-2024> and choose your option (single sided or double sided with photo).
  - The double sided example on the website shows the photo used for my ornament last year, but yours will be personalized with your photo (see below for how to submit your photo).
- When you check out, it will list information for in-person pick-up and mentions picking up in the Pueblo front office. This is because it's the same template as the Concert Closet orders. Ornaments will be available for pick-up at our December 18<sup>th</sup> concert at Desert Vista.
- Please put your phone number in the section at the top of the checkout page.
- If you choose the photo option, send a high-resolution image of your choice to Dolores at [delcorazonbylola@hotmail.com](mailto:delcorazonbylola@hotmail.com).
- Order Deadline: Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> (to receive your ornament at the concert)
- Pick Up: Pueblo Winter Band Concert at Desert Vista HS on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Remember to include a phone number in case we need to contact you.**
- Don't miss out on this chance to create a lasting memory and support our amazing band!

### **Practice Records: Week 1:**

All students received a new Practice Record in class last Monday that will be due on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will pause after week 3 for Winter Break (I will pass out optional extra credit Winter Break practice records during the last week of the quarter) and will resume with Week 4 when we get back in January.

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.

### **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Scale Tests Thursday**

Each quarter we will be checking off 3 scales, and this quarter we are testing on concert Ab, Db, and C major scales. Many students checked off scales over the past two Scale Check-Off days, and it was great celebrating all their hard work!

Our final check-off day will be this Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Students may also check off scales before school this Thursday and Friday morning or next Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday

morning in the band room starting at 7:50. Students will need to check off all scales by Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> for their 100 points.

8th graders must play all three scales from memory for their 100 points. 7th graders (and new 8th graders) can earn extra credit for memorization, but it is not required. Both grades can earn extra credit for extra octaves, and 8th graders can earn extra credit for speed (120 bpm or above).

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Update: Band Karate**

- We have 3 more students who have earned Black Belt since last week's newsletter! Congratulations to Alec Lara Cantu (Euphonium), Kira Lee (Clarinet), and Parker Guzy (Alto Saxophone)! Way to go, Bulldogs!!! They are now moving on to the Jedi Levels!
- The grade requirement for Band Karate this quarter is either song #34 or checking off at least 5 songs this quarter. Students who have completed those requirements are not required to participate in Band Karate this week, but they are allowed to participate if they choose to.
- We will have two rounds for Woodwinds on Thursday and two rounds for Brass/Percussion on Friday as normal.
- 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 perform at Paloma on Wednesday. We will NOT have rehearsal this Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Next week we will rehearse on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the normal time. We will meet on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, but it will be at 7:30am. We will run through our pep assembly songs and then have donuts while watching our performance from the concert 😊 .**

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.**

#### **• 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Jazz Band Performances:**

- **Our next performance will be at Paloma Elementary School this Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

- I will need students to meet at the Jazz Band gate by 7:05 ready to load equipment.
- We will be wheeling over racks of stands and carrying small instruments/backpacks with us when we walk to Paloma and will load the rest of the equipment into the vehicles.
- Thank you so much to everyone who has contacted me to help move equipment! I have Tiffany Larson, Katie Garcia, Lena, Veronica, and Tonya for vehicles. Please arrive to the curb at 7:00am on Wednesday morning, and we should be done by 9:15am.
- Students will miss first period but should be back in time for 2<sup>nd</sup> period.
- We will wear our Jazz Band shirts with holiday pajama pants for that performance (it will be indoor). Students can wear their pajama pants over their regular pants if they don't want to wear their pajama pants all day.

- **We will perform at the Pueblo Winter Band Concert at Desert Vista High School next Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** (they'll be on first at 6:30pm and will wear their concert uniform for their regular band class).
- **Our final performance will be at the Pueblo Winter Pep Assembly on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.** Please let me know if your student will not be at school that day. The assembly will be from 2:00-3:00pm in the Pueblo Gym.
- Jazz dates for next semester:
  - **Pueblo 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Showcase: January 22<sup>nd</sup>**
    - We will perform at the annual Pueblo 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Showcase on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
    - Students need to be in the band room at 4:30pm for warm-up, and we will perform as part of the 5:00pm presentation. We will go back to the band room afterward to play while families are touring campus.
    - I am still thinking about what to have them wear and will update you on that.
  - **Tucson Jazz Workshop Daytrip: February 19<sup>th</sup>**
    - I am thrilled to announce that we will be returning to Tucson this year! Unfortunately the Jazz festival date did not work with our calendar, so we will be going to Rincon/University High School to do a performance for the Rincon/University Jazz Band on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>! Their Jazz Band will perform for us as well, and we'll have a clinic with their amazing director, Mr. Jeff Marchant!!! They have one of the best Jazz Bands in the state, and this will be a fantastic opportunity!!!
    - 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 (probably U of A Student Union again), go to Reid Park Zoo, and head back to Pueblo with a return time of 5:00pm.
    - We will need chaperones, so please email me if you would like to attend.
  - **Pueblopalooza: April 11<sup>th</sup>**
    - We will once again be performing at the annual Pueblopalooza festival on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.
    - 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.

**Here is the band mentor schedule as a reminder:**

**Remember that the band room will be closed before school on Wednesday this week, but students can come in on Friday this week instead. Next week it will be open on the normal Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday (though Thursday is the day after our concert).**

### **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:

<b>Student Last Name</b>	<b>Student First Name</b>	<b>Partner Name</b>	<b>Day</b>
Albright	Savannah	Holland Chapman	Thursday
Badillo	Griffin	Micah Berkowitz	Monday
Ball-Perez	Emma	Bryce Hocking	Wednesday

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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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