

This Week in Band: Concert Thursday!!!

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Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend! My husband and I went to Rigatony's to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of our first date! We've always enjoyed celebrating that milestone and usually choose an Italian place since our first date was at the Macaroni Grill in Tucson while we were in college :) If you haven't been to Rigatony's and you love Italian food, you should definitely go! They're always busy though, so try to get a reservation if you can (they only take them over the phone).

I also got in some long overdue and badly needed best friend time on Saturday, which was wonderful! There's nothing like a long chat with a great friend :) We had some good family time as well and introduced our son to the X-Men franchise! My husband and I were also catching up on the amazing show Silo on Apple Plus, which is based on one of my favorite book series by Hugh Howey (the Wool trilogy). Any other fans out there?

How was your weekend? Feel free to share :)

The big week of band is upon us! Here we go!!!!

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Practice Records: Week 5 Due Tuesday!!!

Practice Records are due tomorrow (Tuesday) for 100 points. I collected many early from students who had them ready today, which was great!

Students need to 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.

All students received a new Practice Record today that will be due on Tuesday, April 15th (we'll pause for Spring Break and resume with Week 3 after Spring Break). I will pass out optional extra credit Spring Break Practice Records the last week of this quarter.

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.

Symphonic Band Field-Trip Wednesday

Our Symphonic Band students (period 6 only) will be performing two of their concert songs for a panel of judges this Wednesday at Basha High School for the annual ABODA Middle School Band Festival. Students need to meet me at the band room at 8:45am dressed in their concert uniform with ties already tied. We will eat lunch after the festival at Barro's Pizza before returning to school around 12:45. Chaperones can arrive to the bus load zone area at 8:45 and we will meet you at the bus.

Pueblo Spring Band Concert: Thursday!!!

Concert reminder letters went out two weeks ago (I attached it to this email again just in case), but here are the main details:

- **Binders/Sheet Protectors Needed:** Students need to have their music in a 3 ring binder in sheet protectors so their music doesn't blow away

at the concert. This doesn't need to be a specific size or color, and they may use one from another class.

- **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.
- **Concert Seating Charts:** Students have their seating charts as of today, so you can get an idea of where to sit to best see them (flip the chart upside down to get the audience perspective).
- **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).
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7th and 8th Grade Scale Tests Update

Each quarter we will be checking off 3 scales, and this quarter we are testing on concert G, D, and Gb major scales. Our second check-off day was last Friday for the Concert Band students, and many students completed all their scales! I love cheering them on! Our final Scale Check Off day for Concert

Band will be next Tuesday, March 4th. Symphonic Band students will have two Check-Off days: Monday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 4th (we had to postpone last week due to our upcoming ABODA festival).

All students play in class for two required rounds and then an optional third round. Starting this week, students may check off scales before school on non-Jazz Band days starting at 7:50 am (Wednesday is a Jazz Band trip, so they can check off before school this Thursday or Friday morning).

Students may also check off scales before school this Wednesday or Friday in the band room as well as next Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday starting at 7:50. Students will need to check off all scales by Friday, March 7th 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).

6th Grade Update: Band Karate

- We will NOT have Band Karate this week as we prepare for our upcoming concert. Students may continue to check off songs before school on non-Jazz Band days (Thursday and Friday this week) or by emailing me a video.
- The grade requirement for Band Karate this quarter is either song #41 (Skip To My Lou) or at least three songs this quarter for their 100 points.
- Our final Band Karate day of the quarter will be on Tuesday, March 4th. This will be required for students who have not met the requirements for this quarter and optional for everyone else.
- 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 at the normal time (gate closes at 7:05) and THURSDAY at a later time (gate opens at 7:25 and closes at 7:30). We will NOT rehearse this Friday since we have our concert the night before.

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:**

- Rehearsal Tuesday, February 25th (gate closes at 7:05)
- Rehearsal Thursday, February 27th (gate opens at 7:25 and closes at 7:30)
- No rehearsal on 2/28
- **Pueblo Band Concert: February 27th (see concert details earlier in this email)**
- Rehearsal on March 4th (gate closes at 7:05) with special guests from The Nash Jazz Education Center!
- No rehearsal on 3/7
- We will perform at the Pueblo Spring Pep Assembly around 2:00pm on Friday, March 7th. Please let me know if your student will not be at school that day.

- **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.
- **Tentative: Combined Jazz Band concert with Corona on Wednesday, May 14th** in the Pueblo MPR (either 6:30 or 7:00 for the start time).
- **Final Pueblo Band Concert: Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00pm** (if we add the May 14th date, we will most likely not perform at the May 22nd concert—I will confirm which of these events we'll be doing as soon as I know)

Here is the band mentor schedule as a reminder:

The band room is open on Wednesday and Friday morning this week but not Thursday. Students who usually meet on Thursdays may choose to meet on Friday if they'd like (but it's also the day after the band concert, so double check with their partner). The band room opens at 7:50am.

Next week the band room will be open all days except Tuesday.

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 |
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| Albright | Savannah | Holland Chapman | Thursday |

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| 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 |

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| 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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