

## This Week In Band: 11/12

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Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful three-day weekend!

I enjoyed hearing lots of fun stories from the students about their weekends today! Since we just finished reading Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, we watched the movie on Friday night. I hadn't seen the movie since it originally came out in the theaters, so it was fun to compare the differences between the book and movie. I really enjoyed both!

I also shared with the students that we saw **The Wild Robot** on Saturday! What an amazing movie!!! Many of the students had also seen it (it came out at the end of September), so it was fun sharing how much we all loved it! It is such a beautiful movie and has one of the best soundtracks I've heard in a long time! There are many themes about parenting, kids leaving the nest, etc., so I was a bucket of tears for much of it! It's so, so good though!! My husband was out of town on Saturday, so we're all going again on Wednesday afternoon so he can see it too! (Hurray for Harkins gift cards!)

My son and I went to Tucson on Sunday for a daytrip and had a great time at our favorite model train museum, the zoo, Reid Park, dinner on 4<sup>th</sup> avenue, and walking around downtown. If you're ever interested in going to Tucson and need suggestions of what to do and eat, I'm happy to share!

Thank you again to our Veterans and their families for their sacrifice. I truly honor and appreciate all you have endured.

How was your weekend?

### **SHOUTOUT:**

Thank you so much to the 20 Pueblo Band students who performed before Paloma's Veteran's Day assembly this past Friday!! I'm so proud of them for taking that on, and thank you SO much to the parents who chaperoned!! I appreciate you all so much!!

Here's what's going on in the coming weeks...

### **Free Corona Marching Band Performance Tonight!!**

If you haven't seen Corona's show this year and would like to see it nearby and for free, they will be giving their annual Family Performance TONIGHT (Tuesday) at 7:00pm in the Corona stadium. Admission is free, and I recommend bringing warm clothing.

### **Extra Credit Concert November 26<sup>th</sup>: Tempe Winds**

I have joined a new ensemble this year! It's called Tempe Winds and is conducted by Dr. Steve Meyer, the director of bands at NAU! While the group has technically been around since 1989, they've recently undergone some changes since their original director retired in 2020. They have been searching for a new conductor over the past few years, and I am so thrilled that they selected Dr. Meyer!! This is a smaller concert band with many fantastic professional musicians and educators, and I am playing in the clarinet section. We are working on an audition policy for the future, so we will be rotating on parts this season. We had our first rehearsal last week, and I can already tell it's going to be an amazing group!!!

### **Our first concert is coming up in two weeks on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Tempe High School auditorium, and I would love for you and your families to join us!**

Tickets are \$5 each and will be sold at the door. I will offer 100 points of extra credit for students who are able to attend (there's no school the next day, so no worries about being out late on a school night!). We are performing a wide variety of pieces including a salute to the armed forces, music from Porgy and Bess, John William's music from the movie Far and Away, Italian Rhapsody, and more!

For your planning purposes, we will also have concerts on January 28<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm) and April 19<sup>th</sup> (2:00pm).

### **Practice Records: Week 3**

We are in Week 3 of our current Practice Record, which will be due on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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 Scale Tests Next Week**

Each quarter we will be checking off 3 scales, and we will have our first check off day Next Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> (Symphonic Band will be Thursday for Woodwinds/Horns and Friday for the rest of Brass and Percussion due to the size of the class). This quarter we will be testing on concert Ab, Db, and C major scales.

8th graders must play all three 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).

Our second check-off day will be December 5<sup>th</sup>, and our final day will be December 12<sup>th</sup>. Students may also check off scales before school on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings in the band room starting at 7:50 starting the week of November 25<sup>th</sup> (they will do their first day of scale tests in class).

Students will need to check off all scales by Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> for their 100 points.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Update: NO Band Karate This Week**

- We will NOT have Band Karate in class this week due to the shorter week. We will have it next week (we won't have it Thanksgiving week). Students may continue to check off songs before school on Wednesday or Thursday as usual.
- 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**

**We will rehearse on both Tuesday and Friday for all weeks leading up to our November 23<sup>rd</sup> performance.** We only have 3 rehearsals left before our performance and really need all students at all rehearsals. I know mornings can be ROUGH (my child is NOT a morning person), and I really appreciate your help with this!

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 will be late: 480-541-6990 and I will send someone out to let them in.**

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

- Our first performance of the year will be on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Dayspring Holiday Boutique at Dayspring Church in Tempe!
  - We will meet in the warm-up room behind the performance area at 10:00am, and the performance will start at 10:30am. We will be done around 11:00am.
  - We will need several vehicles to help transport equipment (drumset, 4 mallet instruments, piano, and amps). Please email me if you are able to help with this, and I will give you more details. We will meet at Pueblo at 9:00am to load and will bring equipment back immediately following the performance.
  - Students will wear their Jazz Band shirts (they're being designed and will be here in time for the performance), nice jeans (as in no giant holes), and optional holiday accessories!
- We will NOT rehearse on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

- We will also perform at Paloma, but we're still working on finalizing that date (that performance will take place before school for us, and students should be back in time for 1<sup>st</sup> period). We usually wear our Jazz Band shirts with holiday pajama pants for that performance, but I'll update you as it gets closer. We will need vehicles to help transport equipment for that as well, so be on the lookout for that once we have the date.
- We will perform at the Pueblo Winter Band Concert
- 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.

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

### **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
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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