

This Week In Band: 11/4

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Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend!

SHOUTOUT: I am SO proud of all of our 7th and 8th grade band students who performed at Friday night's halftime show with the Corona del Sol Marching Band! They played Thriller and the Fight Song, and it was so wonderful seeing them have fun in the stands and performing on the field!! These years getting to be a band mom alongside you guys are just the best!

Corona performed at the State Semi-Finals Marching Band Competition on Saturday at Desert Vista and earned 2nd place! They're only one point away from first place, so anything could happen at

Championships on November 16th! What an amazing season this has been, and I'm not ready to say goodbye to this show yet!

How was your weekend?

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

Cookie Dough Fundraiser: DUE TOMORROW!!!!

Please remember to turn in any order forms and payments with your student tomorrow (Tuesday) by the end of the school day. Get those online orders in tonight if possible!

- **Please click [here](#) to register your student as a seller if you want to order online tonight!**
- Delivery will be on December 5th to the MPR. We will need volunteers to help organize and distribute the orders, so be on the lookout for an email about that.

Winter Band Concert Date and Location Change:

Our Winter Band Concert was originally scheduled for December 17th at Corona. Due to the extension on the construction on Corona's auditorium (it's projected to be completed in January now), the concert will now be on Wednesday, December 18th at Desert Vista High School. I passed out blue letters to the students in class today, so hopefully they've given them to you. I'm attaching it to this email in case you prefer to have it electronically.

Here are the details:

Concert Date: Wednesday, December 18th at Desert Vista High School

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

Concert: 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.

Cookies: We will need people to donate cookies and other finger food type desserts for our annual Cookie Reception following the concert. We'll need help with collection and distribution as well, so be on the lookout for a Sign-Up Genius in December.

Middle School Marching Band Performance Video

Here is a link to the performance from Friday's game! <https://vimeo.com/1025631259>

It starts with Corona's halftime show. Thriller will be around 10:46 and the Aztec Fight Song will be around 12:25. Enjoy!

Corona Marching Band Free Performance!

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 on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00pm in the Corona stadium. Admission is free, but bring warm clothing.

Practice Records: Week 2

We are in Week 2 of our current Practice Record, which will be due on Tuesday, December 3rd. 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.

7th and 8th Grade All State Band Auditions

I have successfully registered all interested students. Recordings will be due by Friday, December 6th. Recordings are to be audio only. Students can record at home or at school. I will be checking in with the students to help with this process. I'm happy to help students with their audition music before school on any non-Jazz day (Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday).

6th Grade Update: Band Karate This Week

- We will continue Band Karate this week in the same format with Woodwinds on Thursday and Brass/Percussion on Friday.
- 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 23rd performance.

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: 480-541-6990.

• 2nd Quarter Jazz Band Performances:

- Our first performance of the year will be on Saturday, November 23rd 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 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 1st 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 20th. 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:

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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