



Spring Concert Information 2021

Friday, May 21

Dear Band Parents and Students,

We want to make you aware of the details for our Spring Concert on Friday, May 21 held in the Belton High School Performing Arts Center (PAC) starting at 7:00pm. This *free* concert is open to all friends and family members so they can watch students perform.

The Band Hall will close at 4:30pm that day, and students are responsible for taking their instrument and music binder to the PAC. This concert performance is a **major grade** for all band students, and is *critical* to their success as a musician. Please remember that it is not possible to recreate a public performance, and this concert serves as part of the semester exam for Spring 2021.

Members of the Beginner's Ensemble need to arrive at 6:15pm so they can be seated on stage and ready to warm up by 6:30pm. This is when attendance will be taken and determined who is on time, prepared, and ready to perform! Beginners will need to wear their red band shirt tucked into jeans with closed-toed shoes. Their program (in order) includes: "Entrada" and "Valiance". The percussion ensemble will then perform a piece afterward. Beginners will also have 2 required group rehearsals at school on Monday & Tuesday (May 17 & 18) starting at 3pm through STRIPES until 4:30pm in the Band Hall. There will be an announcement made to call students down to the Band Hall.

Members of the Symphonic Band will need to arrive at the Belton High School Band Hall by 6:50pm in order to warm-up for their performance, and Wind Ensemble members will need to arrive at the same place for their warm-up by 7:10pm. Both groups of students will need to wear their red polo shirt tucked into black pants with black **calf-length** socks, black closed-toed shoes, and a black belt for gentlemen.

When students first arrive, they will need to double-check that they are in uniform (including tucked-in shirt). Instrument cases should stay in vehicles, or with parents at their seats in the PAC. Students should quickly find their seat, get out their music, and represent BMS well. Students should respect every adult working at Belton High School, as well as everyone playing music. All of the band students have worked hard on their music, and all of them deserve the same respect. Please remain seated while groups are performing, and applause is appreciated when done appropriately.

Unlike our Holiday Concert, students and parents do not have to leave after their specific performance. We encourage all students to stay for the full duration of the concert in order to practice good concert etiquette, and to support other band members in their performance. However, this is not required. A mask must be worn the entire time you are in the building.

--PLEASE TURN OVER--

Below is the timeline we will follow for this concert, so be sure you know where to be and when:

<u>Ensemble</u>	<u>Report Time</u>	<u>Warm-Up Time</u>	<u>Performance Time</u>
Beginner's Ensemble	6:15pm (on stage)	6:30pm (on stage)	7:00pm
Symphonic Band	6:50pm (HS Band Hall)	7:00pm (HS Band Hall)	7:20pm
Wind Ensemble	7:10pm (HS Band Hall)	7:15pm (HS Band Hall)	7:45pm

All students can a grade of 100 for this performance if they follow all 3 of these rubric categories:

- Punctual Attendance and Materials (50%): Students must be on time at the specific report time given for each ensemble (see above). Students must also have everything needed for their performance, including instrument and appropriate accessories, their binder with all music, and any other necessary materials.
- Proper Attire (25%): Each performance has an appropriate uniform as outlined in the Belton Middle School Band Handbook - follow all guidelines to earn full credit, including tucked-in shirt.
- Behavior & Concert Etiquette (25%): Students should always be disciplined in their behavior and act appropriately at all times, both on and off stage, including proper concert etiquette. This includes listening and not talking while others are speaking or performing

As always, if you have any questions or problems, please contact us. We'll see you and your family at the Spring Concert, and *thank you* for your support of your child's music education!

Sincerely,

Mr. Pulley, Mr. Trahan, & Mr. Smith
Belton Middle School Band Directors