



Holiday Concert Information

Thursday, December 16

Dear Band Parents and Students,

The holidays are fast approaching! We want to make you aware of the details for our Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 16 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, and students can invite as many people as they would like to watch them 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 a major grade and the culmination of all of our students' work so far this school year.

Members of the Beginner's Ensemble need to arrive at 6:15pm so they can be seated on stage and ready to warm up on stage 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: "Holiday Fanfare", "St. Nick Salsa", "Rockin' Drummer Boy". Beginners will also have 2 required group rehearsals at school on Monday & Tuesday, December 13 & 14 starting at 4pm until 5pm 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 6:45pm 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 7:00pm. 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. The advanced percussion ensemble will perform a piece in-between the Symphonic Band and the Wind Ensemble's portion of the concert.

When students first arrive, they will need to double-check to see if they are in uniform (including tucked-in shirt). We will not be wearing any silly attire, such as Santa hats, for this formal performance. 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. After performing, students will need to sit with their parents in the seats of the PAC. **Students are required to stay to watch the rest of the concert so they can be evaluated and graded on their concert etiquette.** 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.

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

<u>Ensemble</u>	<u>Report Time</u>	<u>Warm-Up Time</u>	<u>Performance Time</u>	<u>Dismissal Time</u>
Beginner's Ensemble	6:15pm (on stage)	6:30pm (on stage)	7:00pm	8:00pm
Symphonic Band	6:45pm (HS Band Hall)	6:50pm (HS Band Hall)	7:15pm	8:00pm
7th & 8th Grade Percussion Ensemble	5:30pm (on stage)	5:30pm (on stage)	7:25pm	8:00pm
Wind Ensemble	7:00pm (HS Band Hall)	7:10pm (HS Band Hall)	7:35pm	8:00pm

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 instruments 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 hope to see you and your friends and family at the Holiday 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