



Band Beat

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From the Director...



We have enjoyed a successful first semester. All four bands are preparing to give great concert performances. The Beginner Band is 128 members strong. I am so looking forward to their first band concert on December 6. What an exciting event it is to practice together as a full band for the first time. It is a joy to watch them process information and come together as an ensemble. Remembering back to the first weeks of school, it is impressive to think about how much they have accomplished in such a short period of time. I truly enjoy the journey of teaching young musicians to play their instruments. What an awesome group!

Concert, Honors and Symphonic Band members had a busy semester of preparing for performances. All three bands made significant progress from the Fall Concert to the upcoming Winter Concert. It is not easy for a group of fifty to seventy individuals to come together and create an ensemble that performs well together. Learning and refining ensemble skills is a very important part of what we do in band. The process has been a good one so far. I know each of these bands will be able to play challenging music for contest. We look forward to continued progress next semester.

Please refer to the enclosed calendar to remind you of our many important December events. Our 7th and 8th grade Bands will compete in an Ensemble Contest on December 13. The deadline for fees for this event is December 10. On December 19, our Symphonic Band will perform for 5th graders from around the district. These lucky 5th graders will be entertained and, we hope, inspired to become the next class of successful Space Center Intermediate Band members!

The holiday season is a time that I enjoy. When I reflect on the many blessings I have received, I am always very thankful for the opportunity to be associated with so many wonderful students and parents here at Space Center Intermediate. Have a wonderful holiday break and a marvelous New Year!

Happy Holidays!

Donald McCandless

Happy Holidays
and
Happy New Year

President's Ponderings

Having just celebrated Thanksgiving, I am reminded to be thankful for the people who support the SCIS Band through their gifts and talents. First, I am thankful for the directors, Mr. McCandless, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Zavala, and their wives for the time given to the band students to teach them to play their instruments. Their hard work and dedication is not only reflected in the students' performances but also in the time they spend getting to know the students through various fun activities.

I am also thankful for the SCIS Band Booster Club board members who expertly execute their responsibilities so that functions and activities run smoothly and successfully.

I am also thankful for the parents who volunteer as chaperones and helpers so that students can enjoy participating in the band and its extracurricular activities. Without these parents, many of the activities would not be possible.

While several activities have already taken place (fundraisers, mini camps, concerts, etc.), December promises to be a really busy month. The 7th and 8th grade bands have both an ensemble recital and contest on December 3rd and December 13th respectively. The 6th grade band has rehearsals and a concert on December 5th and 6th. And, the 7th and 8th grade bands have their concerts on December 20th. Whew, add these to the other holiday activities and we'll all be ready for the break beginning with early release on December 21.

Thanks again for your support of the SCIS Band. And, have a safe and happy holiday!

Gwen Gates



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For those people who have Roadrunner email addresses and have not updated them, any email sent to the Roadrunner address will not be forwarded after December 31. Please update your email address to continue receiving band information.

Thank you for your patience as we try to streamline our band communications!
Any questions? Contact Nina Johnston slnsj@pol.net

Visit our website at www.scisband.com

Mini-Camp a Success!

The 7th & 8th grade bands had their Winter mini-camp where 129 members rehearsed for the upcoming concert and ensemble contest. Many thanks to all the parents who made this evening possible! Parents and students moved chairs and stands to classrooms to create ensemble rooms. Thanks to the hall monitors and the hardworking parents who served 40 pizzas, 192 cookies and 180 sodas!

Saturday morning we loaded the buses with the assistance of more amazing chaperones and headed to Main Event for laser tag, arcade games, and more pizza. Will anyone ever be able to defeat Mr. Patterson at laser tag?

A special thanks to Dennis Johnson at Double Dave's Pizza, Main Event and Kroger (@ELDorado for supporting the band.

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 8, for Putt-Putt golf and games!

7th and 8th grade Mini-camp Chairpersons,
Monica Pacey and Justine Powell

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December 5

6th grade Band Rehearsal
4:15-5:15 pm

December 6

6th grade Band Rehearsal
4:15-5:00 pm
6th grade Band Concert
(Symphonic plays)
7:30 pm

December 10

Deadline for Fees for Solo & Ensemble
7th & 8th grade Bands

December 13

7th & 8th grade Bands
Ensemble Contest
4:15-9:00 pm

December 17

Deadline for Original Music for
Solo Contest
7th & 8th grade Bands

December 19

Symphonic plays for 5th grades

December 20

7th & 8th grade Bands
Winter Concert
7:30 pm

December 20 or 21

Symphonic plays at SCIS Program
Date TBA

December 21

Early Release

December 22 - January 6

Winter Holidays
No School