



Stay Tuned

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Mark your Calendar

Thursday, October 20th – Last outdoor marching band rehearsal

Saturday, October 22nd – Eagle Band performs at YIM at the Metrodome

Thursday, October 27th – Eagle Band Indoor Concert at 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 29th – Band Department is manning the concessions at the sectional football game. If you signed up to help, look for a reminder email.

Tuesday, November 1st – Fruit and Nut fundraiser kickoff

Director Notes

From Scott Palmer:

I will be handing out the student activities registration forms for marching band this week, and I will need them back by the indoor concert!

BPO News

The next BPO meeting is Monday, October 24th at 6:00 pm in the Band Room. All band parents are welcome and it is a great way to help support the EPHS band program.

Please join us for a Prairie Colors celebration thank you for all volunteers which will take place during the meeting. A St. Louis chaperone wrap up is scheduled immediately after the meeting.

Last Eagle Band Rehearsal

This Thursday, October 20th is the last outdoor rehearsal for Eagle Band. They will be on the field as a full band from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. It would be great if parents would come show their support by attending this rehearsal and cheering on our hardworking Eagle Band members before they perform at YIM on Saturday. Let's meet just outside the seating area at 7:45 pm and enter the stadium as one large group to surprise the kids. A hot chocolate social is planned following the rehearsal. Bring your cameras!!

To Our Awesome Prairie Colors Volunteers

As co-chairs, Connie, Jo, and Karen would like to thank each of you for the role you played in making our 20th anniversary band festival a huge success.

We read many notices throughout the city and district highlighting Prairie Colors. We saw signs go up everywhere to help direct people where they needed to go. We watched busses and cars being directed and fill up nearly every available parking space.

We watched in awe as 4 lines stretched out to the street forming at the ticket booth. We received many compliments about the nice gentlemen assisting with handicapped parking.

We saw volunteers and visiting bus drivers enjoying treats in the volunteer area. We witnessed bands and color guard warming up and making it on to the field at their appropriate time.

We saw volunteers being greeted and directed to their volunteer posts.

We felt safe with all the dedicated door security volunteers.

We watched as bands entered and left the field in orderly fashion.

We experienced the flow of performances, with a sprinkling of trivia by a cool calm announcer.

We watched as kids proudly wore their glow necklaces.

Again in awe we watched the stands fill to capacity with great crowd control from the ushers.

We heard directors appreciated the timely manner in which they received their packets with the scoring results and recording of their performance.

We heard from grandparents, that the ushers and security people were very kind and helped them to find seats.

We were wiping off stadium benches after the rain came down, and our volunteers ran over to help.

We saw 1,400 beautifully designed colored programs being passed out.

We watched as well designed t-shirts were purchased to commemorate 20 years.

We witnessed the fast orderly set up and take down by our trusted Pit Crew.

We saw our guests being greeted at the gate with a smile and a hand stamp.
We saw the quick response by our first aid team as they tended to thankfully minor injuries.

We watched a connection form between Eagle Band members and the U of M marching band at an ice cream social that was a hit!

We breathed a huge sigh of relief as the weather held off for the most part.

We experienced a true sense of community as our band family worked as a team to be great hosts to our visiting bands and guests.

We thank you one and all!! We could not have done it without each and every one of you!!

St. Louis Recap

We had a great trip and all of the kids were great representatives for Eden Prairie!
We had amazing parent chaperones that volunteered their weekend and did a great job! The Eagle Band had a great performance! We ended up in 19th place out of 53 bands with a highlight of 7th place overall as the top MN band in Music Performance Ensemble caption!

Youth In Music (YIM)

Come one, come all, and come see Eagle Band's last competition!
This Saturday, October 22nd.

Schedule:

11:00 am Arrive at EPHS

11:15 Load Busses

11:45 Leave EPHS

12:30 Load-in

2:15 Indoor Warm Up

3:00 Upper Tunnel

3:15 Lower Tunnel

3:30 Performance

4:15 Order of Evening Show Announced

4:30-7:00 Dinner/down time

7:00 Night Show

10:15 Awards

10:45 Load and Leave

11:15 pm arrive back at EPHS

There are 11 bands in the afternoon show, and all 11 make finals. So you may be asking "Why go to the afternoon show?" well... to cheer on your Eagles and...because you can affect the judging. From the adjudicator rule book "A genuine audience reaction to something that left you unimpressed personally warrants credit, for it has achieved effect."

Indoor concert

The final 2011 marching band performance will be an indoor concert held on Thursday, October 27th. Come celebrate a great Eagle Band season and its wonderful seniors! It starts at 7pm in the Main Gym at EPHS. You will receive the Eagle Band memory book at this time.

Winterguard Update

Winterguard Informational meeting is on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30pm. All students interested and their parents should attend to learn about the upcoming 2011-2012 season.

Wind Ensemble Members

Men in Wind Ensemble! Please remember that you are responsible to purchase your own tux shirt, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black socks, and black shoes to wear for all Wind Ensemble performances.

Women in Wind Ensemble! Please remember that the entire performance outfit is your responsibility. You should wear all black and keep skirt lengths at knee level or below.

Join Chamber Winds!

Make friends in other grades - develop confidence and independence on your instrument by playing in smaller groups, all while earning co-curricular points for your numeral or letter in band. Chamber Winds will start on Tuesday, October 25 and is open to all grades. Student Activities forms are required and cost is \$30 per year. Be sure you have signed up for one of the groups on the Chamber Winds list in the band room!

Fruit and Nut Fundraiser Update:

John Grothe will be coming to the High School on Tuesday, November 1st to make presentations to all of the bands and kick off the fundraiser.

The selling period will be from Tuesday, Nov 1 – Monday, Nov 28.

Pick-Up will be Thursday, Dec 15th from 4 – 8 PM during conferences.

All money raised by band students from this fundraiser will go into their individual student band accounts.

A Huge Thank You to:

The St. Louis chaperones: Jo Benson, Kelly Mullet, Robyn Seaton, Wendy Autio, Kathie Akerhielm, Vanita Shah, Connie Tsuchiya, Todd Tsuchiya, Bill Paulus, Susan Paulus, Guy Hicklin, Susan Hicklin, Barb Hallowell, Frank Hallowell, Eric Dungan, Steve Sullivan, Lonnie Johnson, and Jim Werdin

Mary Lenker, Jane Nemecek and family for collecting and organizing the food on the bus rides and at St. Louis. Your gifts of time and talent in the “Food to Go” area were superb and greatly appreciated by all!!

Honor Band Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted into college Honor Bands this fall:

University of St. Thomas (Saturday, October 29)

Laura Helgen, flute

Ryan Huber, alto sax

Brian Paulus, tenor sax

Rachel Schuetz, flute

Evan Sorensen, alto sax

University of Minnesota, Duluth (Saturday, November 5)

Grace Herzog, percussion

University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire (Saturday, November 12)

Jackson Mullett, trumpet

Trailer update

The doors are cut in and it is being painted this week. If there is anyone who has their CDL and would be willing to drive in the next few years please let the band directors know!

Handy Band Contacts

Jean Braun at treasurer@edenprairiebpo.org for band student account balances.

Visit the Band Parent Organization website at www.edenprairiebpo.org for information regarding BPO events and opportunities, and joining the BPO email list.

Reminder

Watch your e-mails for the November 1st edition of Stay Tuned or find it on the BPO website!