



Stay Tuned

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Mark your Calendar

Today! Tuesday, January 17 – 9th and 10th Grade Concert Bands, 7:00 pm
in the PAC

Thursday, January 26 – District Jazz Festival, 7:00 pm in the Main Commons

Monday, January 30 – BPO Meeting at 7:00pm in the Choir room

Reminders for Concert Dress

9th and 10th Grade Bands, concert dress is black on bottom and white on top
Please see the Band Handbook on page 12 for more information.

Support EP Bands/Take Part in the Survey

As you may be aware, the Eden Prairie School Board has put out a survey to aid in setting priorities in its search for a new Superintendent. The BPO Board would like to encourage everyone to complete this survey. It is only a few questions long and shouldn't take too much time to complete. We believe parent input is vital to this process.

Under each question, there is the opportunity for the survey respondent to add in "Other" selections that are not listed. The Board would like you to consider mentioning "Maintain strong support for music programs in all grades" under question #4, which reads, "Which of the following Goals should be the most important focus for the Eden Prairie Public Schools in the next three years? Entering something in the "Other" box does not alter your ability to select three choices from those listed under the question.

The BPO Board feels that by singling out the music programs in this survey, it will indicate to the School Board and to Superintendent candidates that we are a community that values music education for the benefits it gives our students, and

hopefully make them reluctant to starve the program any more through budget cuts in the lower grades.

This survey will be available until January 18th. You can access it from the district website: <http://www3.edenpr.org/public/Home.aspx>

Note From the Directors

Musical mornings with amazing kids!

Every single morning before the lights are programmed to turn on, before the sun is up, before the hallways are filled with the smell of cookies, and before most people have scraped the ice from their windshield, the music area is alive! Jazz bands, chamber winds, electronic music, percussion ensembles, wind bands, and more fill every nook and cranny that we can find with music. Some of these groups are student led, and some are led by great directors. All of the groups provide great life lessons applicable to music, of course, but more importantly, to the real world! The work ethic, dedication, and drive of these students are proof positive that the future is bright.

District Jazz Festival

Come relax and celebrate the end of 2nd quarter while listening to some awesome jazz music. Head on over the Main Commons at 7:00 pm and hear jazz bands from Oak Point, CMS, and the High School as well as the Community Jazz Band.

Looking ahead - Winterguard Performances

Saturday, February 4 - Scholarship Show, 6 pm at Osseo High School

Saturday, February 18 – Irondale Show, 6:30 pm at Irondale High School

Saturday, February 25 – Rosemount show, 6:30 pm at Rosemount High School

Saturday, March 3 - Coon Rapids Show, 6:00 pm at Coon Rapids High School

Saturday, March 17 - St. Cloud Show, 6:30 pm at Apollo High School

Saturday, March 24 - Prairie Colors, Solo Ensembles start at 4pm and Competition begins 6:40 pm at EPHS

Saturday, March 31 - NSC Finals at Osseo High School

Looking ahead – Winter Drumline Performances

February 4, in Eagan

February 23, Jazz and Percussion Concert

February 26, at Buffalo High School
March 3, South St. Paul
March 24, WGI Regional (not sure on location)
April 18 – 22, WGI Finals in Dayton Ohio

Looking ahead – Jazz Band Performances

Jazz I and II will be performing at the Lake Conference Jazz Festival on Thursday, Feb. 2nd @ Minnetonka High School. Jazz II will perform at 10:00 AM and Jazz I will perform at 11:30 AM. Parents are welcome to attend. There is no charge.

The Jazz Combo will be attending the first annual Jazz Combo clinic on Saturday, Feb. 11th at St. Olaf College. Students will interact with several jazz artists. Improvisation is the main focus.

Jazz I will be attending the University of Minnesota Jazz Festival on Saturday, Feb. 25th. The day will include a performance in the Ted Mann concert hall as well as a clinic by area jazz musicians. Open to the public.



Thank you to Winter drumline members:

Kayla Furmanski, Bridget Jarvis, John Kronlokken, Paul Benson, Kyle Tsuchiya
CJ Marschke, David Swan, Stephen Benson, Josh Dungan, Ben Hicklin
Conner Witte, Sam Lackey, and Hayden Corder for leading the Muscular
Dystrophy Walk on January 14th at MOA. As one band parent stated, “All was
quiet at the mall until Eden Prairie’s drumline arrived.”



Thank you to the following for representing EPHS band program at the CMS 8th grade concert on January 12th. You did a great job encouraging 8th graders to stay in band.

Ryan Janning, Bill Hobbs, Derek Fritz, Brandon Barker, Jess Pollino, Laura Henry, Sara Autio, Lara Bockenstedt, Katie Walburn, Sarah Paulus, Amy Tinklenberg, Danielle Stacey, Erik Savereide, Cameron Mingo, Lindsay Lundeen, Charlie Bulger, Jackson Mullet, Blake Trantina, Ryan Tinklenberg, (Lauren Hallowell, not pictured). Thank you also to Scott Palmer and Susan and Bill Paulus.

Band Contacts

Band student account balances - Jean Braun at treasurer@edenprairiebpo.org.

For information regarding BPO events and opportunities please visit the BPO website at www.edenprairiebpo.org.

Reminder

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