



Stay Tuned

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Mark your Calendar

Saturday, February 25 - Winterguard Show, 6:30 pm at Rosemount High School

Sunday, February 26 - Winter Drumline Show, 1:00 pm at Buffalo High School

Monday, February 27 - 7:00 pm in the choir room

Note From the Directors

The Excelsior Trio was here on Monday. They included professors of music from Concordia-Moorhead. They offered great advice to students about how to practice.

PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT! When you practice, be sure to slow down the tempo enough so that you can play with ACCURACY. Don't practice wrong notes fast, practice right notes slowly and work it up to the right tempo.

Jazz Band Highlights from Mr. Whipkey

Jazz students at Eden Prairie HS have been busy! Jazz I and II just performed at the Lake Conference Jazz Festival. Both bands performed four tunes and then had a clinic with area jazz musicians. In addition, the EP Jazz Combo recently attended the first annual St. Olaf Jazz Combo day. Students included John Kronlokken (drums), Brian Kaiser (Bass), Christian Wheeler (guitar), Robbie Bragg (piano), Brian Paulus (Tenor Sax), Ryan Huber (Alto Sax), and Ben Chin (Bari Sax). It was a very rewarding event. I had the chills watching all the clinicians work with the kids.

Another Fundraising Opportunity!

Bachman's gift card sales will start Friday, February 24. This is the last fundraiser for the year that will go directly into student accounts. Plan now to sell! Sale ends March 16. Gift cards will be back in time for spring break. These are great for Easter, Prom, Mother's Day, spring planting, etc. The presentation will be done in each of the band classes. If you do not see anything come home ask your band student or check the BPO website for more information.

Pasta and Pops

It's hard to believe it, but Pasta and Pops is right around the corner.

For those of you that are new to the high school this year, Pasta and Pops is our year end concert, to be held on Saturday, May 19th this year. All of the high school bands participate: 9th and 10th grade concert band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. There is a dinner break between the early (3:30 pm) concert and the later (7:00 pm) concert during which we hold a pasta dinner with entertainment by the jazz bands in the Main Commons. Following dinner, but before the concert, seniors have an opportunity to perform their solos and ensembles. It's a fabulous day of music and one of the highlights of the year.

It takes many hands to put on an event like this. We have not had anyone step forward to chair the event, so if you've been holding off waiting to be asked, this is your moment!! We are asking. Contact Susan Paulus at president@edenprairiebpo.org if you are interested.

In the mean time, we need to begin filling volunteer positions. Please click on the Sign Up Genius link below to find out what is needed and to see if you can help.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DAEAD2-pasta/87021>

Scholarship Opportunity

Paul Lundeen, a band parent, has generously donated \$1000.00 through his company, Bell Mortgage, to be utilized by students that would like to take some private lessons but may have a financial hardship. To request this funding just email a band director and we'll get the process going. Thank you Paul!!

SCHEDULE CHANGE!

Solo and Ensemble Contest will be held at Edina High School this spring on either Monday, April 16 or Tuesday, April 17. The band handbook lists the wrong date (Thursday, April 19). Mark your calendars and plan to participate!

CONGRATULATIONS

Jackson Mullett (trumpet) and Keeheon Nam (clarinet) who are returning today from their adventure in New York City with the American High School Honors Performance Series. Congratulations for representing EPHS on a national level! Look for their stories about this adventure in the next Stay Tuned.

Congratulations also to Charlie Bulger who won the Excel Award!

Wanted

Attention band parents! Is the open road calling you! Have you ever wanted to be a semi-truck driver? This may be your chance. The Eagle Band is in desperate need for semi-truck drivers to pull the new band trailer. If you're interested in becoming one of the official truck drivers for the eagle band or know someone who may be interested please contact Mike Whipkey @952-975-8090.

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.

Reminders

Band camp will be held August 12 – 18, 2012

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