




All Members –

- Pass Offs – I have created Spring Semester assignment sheets and posted them on our new band website. This includes all assignments, due dates, and a description. They are located on the “Student Resources” page (password: ruckelband).
 - <http://www.RuckelBand.com/student-resources>
 - Tradition of Excellence Books – The books have been coming in for us to get switched over. We are just waiting on a few more. As a reminder from our initial meeting, I will NOT require any family to buy a new book, as you’ve already spent money on some. We are supplying the Tradition of Excellence books to students, and only ask that they return them when done.
-  Seesaw App – Seesaw is a great educational tool. This is an app that I’ve used for students to send pass-off videos and ask for help. I have the class set up where videos can only be seen by ME. Students can not see each other’s videos. The first assignment is just to log in and send an intro video. The information is also linked on the “Student Resources” page, linked above. Typically, I can watch students’ Seesaw videos and give feedback by the next class.
- Winter Break Check Ins – This is an easy paper/pencil assignment from last week. It was due on Friday, but I’ll still take them this week. Students may have seen their grade drop significantly with this missing, but that’s only because it’s early in the quarter. Extra copies are on the black desk in the front left side of the band room.
- FSU Summer Music Camps [FSU SMC] – Registration is open, and spots fill up quickly!
 - This camp is phenomenal and provides an opportunity for students to spend the week on a college campus, learning from some of the best in the business. [Click here for information on their website!](#)
 - 6th/7th graders, click on “Middle School Band Camp” (June 30-July 6).
 - 8th graders can choose between Middle School Band Camp or either of the High School Band Camp sessions.
- FMEA Florida All-State Band – Congratulations to Whitney on representing the Ruckel Band at All-State! She was part of an incredible program, showcasing brand new commissioned music and some familiar favorites (The Wizard of Oz!).
- Meet and Greet #2 – Originally, our second meet and greet was supposed to be held last Monday, 1/9. We had to reschedule for the storm. It will instead be this Thursday, 1/18 at 5:30 PM. Just as before, it will be in the band room.



5th Grade Band (5GB) –

- Starting Back Up – We will be starting up again this week with brass on Wednesday!
- Bus Driver Search – We are so thankful that Coach Daniels can drive for us on Mondays and Wednesdays while we search for a more permanent driver. My husband, Mr. Tenoré (one of the NHS band directors) is beginning the process to obtain his CDL to help us. We would still like to find a different driver if possible. If you know someone interested in driving, please email me (emilia.tenore@okaloosaschools.com), and I will put you in contact with the right people.
 - Friday Rehearsals – Until we find a permanent driver, we will not have a bus on Friday mornings. I will still open the band room to any students who would like to come in for pass-offs or extra help. The only caveat will be that the students need their own ride to elementary school afterward.



Beginning Band (BB) –

- No announcements – X

Intermediate Band (IB) –

- No announcements – X
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Advanced Band (AB) –

- No announcements – X

Honor Band (HB) –

- All County Honor Band – We have our first rehearsal this Tuesday, 1/16 at Meigs Middle School. Please arrive at Meigs no later than 5:15 PM. We are not taking a bus for any of the night rehearsals. I am requesting a bus for next Friday, 1/26 on the all-day rehearsal. I will keep you in the loop. I have an SUV, so I can take a couple of large instruments if you can't get them there. Just let me know and help me load the instrument. [All County Information](#)
- Pep Rally Next Week (1/25) – Next week, there will be a behavior assembly and a pep rally for winter sports. I'll keep you updated in class with more specific details. Find your flip folder/lyre if you've lost it! With this pep rally coming up so quickly, we will only use Honor Band. In the next pep rally, we will include ALL of football band again.

Calendar –

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| 14 | 15 MLK Jr. Day No School | 16 JB: Reh 7-7:40 All-County Band: Rehearsal 5:30-8PM @ Meigs MS | 17 5GB: Brass 7-7:45 | 18 Meet and Greet Meeting #2 – 5:30 PM JB: Reh 7-7:40 | 19 5GB: All 7-7:45 (Need a ride to school afterward) | 20 |
| 21 | 22 5GB: Woodwinds 7-7:45 | 23 JB: Reh 7-7:40 All-County Band: Rehearsal 5:30-8PM @ Meigs MS | 24 5GB: Brass 7-7:45 | 25 Pep Rally / Behavior Assembly JB: Reh 7-7:40 All-County Band: Rehearsal 5:30-8PM @ Meigs MS | 26 All-County Band: ALL-DAY Rehearsal 8AM-3:30PM @ Meigs MS | 27 All-County Band: Rehearsal 12:30PM Concert: 2PM @ Mattie Kelly |
| 28 | 29 5GB: Woodwinds 7-7:45 | 30 JB: Reh 7-7:40 | 31 5GB: Brass 7-7:45 | <input type="checkbox"/> FSU Summer Music Camps Registration Opens <input type="checkbox"/> FMEA Conference: Florida All State Band <input type="checkbox"/> Okaloosa All County Band Rehearsals/Concert | | |