



### All Members –

- Parent Volunteer Meeting – Monday night 1/29, 5:30 PM in the band room! Come out if you are interested in helping
- Pass Offs – I have posted Spring Semester assignment sheets to the website (with due dates and descriptions).
  - <http://www.RuckelBand.com/student-resources> (password: ruckelband)
  - Tradition of Excellence Books – We are just waiting on a few more tuba red books and some various blue books. We are supplying the books and only ask that they return them when done.
- Seesaw App – I have the class set up where students cannot see each other’s videos. The first assignment is to send an intro video, to show students know how to use the app. The info is also on the “Student Resources” page.
- After-School Pass-offs This Week – This week, I can stay after school for pass-off class on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 2:30-3:00. Students need a ride home at 3:00 PM.
- FSU Summer Music Camps [FSU SMC] – Registration is open, and spots fill up quickly! Some instruments are already on waiting lists. Secure your spot soon if you haven’t already!
- Potential Future Band Members – If you know a student that isn’t in band and you think SHOULD be, send them the link to our website “Join Band!” page. [www.RuckelBand.com/join-band](http://www.RuckelBand.com/join-band)



### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band (5GB) –

- Seesaw Shout Out! – Our most active Seesaw posters this week were Matthew S, Benson P, Page P, Jackson P, Braxton C, Elisha M, and Nina A. I’ve been able to comment with feedback and either pass them off or give them tips to practice! 😊
- Rehearsals This Week – We have Woodwinds on Monday and Brass on Wednesday! This Friday we can still have a morning rehearsal, but students will need to be picked up between 7:50 and 8:00 AM.
- 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. We are waiting for a response from transportation on the next steps for new drivers.
  - Friday Rehearsals – Until we find a permanent driver, we will not have a bus on Friday mornings. I am opening the band room to any students who would like to come in for Friday rehearsals. Students just need their own ride to elementary school afterward, between 7:50 and 8:00 AM.



### Beginning Band (BB) –

- Due This Week – This Friday, the pass-off for *Line 47: Baja Breeze* is due. Students should be passed off at least to this line in the book. On Friday, I will change any missing grades to “Z” in the gradebook. Once a student turns in his/her missing pass-off, I will change the Z to 100%.
- Solo and Ensemble – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>; S&E is designed to foster interest in music by providing a short-range performance goal and constructive critique. The students who participate will prepare music to perform at the event, which will be evaluated by certified adjudicators and assigned a rating.



### Intermediate Band (IB) –

- Due This Week – This Friday, the pass-off for *Line 78: Skill Builder* is due. Students should be passed off at least to this line in the book. On Friday, I will change any missing grades to “Z” in the gradebook. Once a student turns in his/her missing pass-off, I will change the Z to 100%.
- Solo and Ensemble – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>; S&E is designed to foster interest in music by providing a short-range performance goal and constructive critique. The students who participate will prepare music to perform at the event, which will be evaluated by certified adjudicators and assigned a rating.





### Advanced Band (AB) –

- Due This Week – This Friday, the pass-off for *Imperium* is due. On Friday, I will change any missing grades to “Z” in the gradebook. Once a student turns in his/her missing pass-off, I will change the Z to 100%.
- Music Performance Assessment – Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>; MPA is an annual assessment for school music programs. This is our FAST testing equivalent. Admission is free and parents are encouraged to come listen as they are evaluated by state-certified adjudicators. This performance is for Advanced Band and Honor Band and is required.
- Solo and Ensemble – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>; S&E is designed to foster interest in music by providing a short-range performance goal and constructive critique. The students who participate will prepare music to perform at the event, which will be evaluated by certified adjudicators and assigned a rating.



### Honor Band (HB) –

- Due This Week – This Friday, the pass-off for *Brandenburg Gate* is due. On Friday, I will change any missing grades to a “Z” in the gradebook. Once a student turns in his/her missing pass-off, I will change the Z to 100%.
- Music Performance Assessment – Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>; MPA is an annual assessment for school music programs. This is our FAST testing equivalent. Admission is free and parents are encouraged to come listen as they are evaluated by state-certified adjudicators. This performance is for Advanced Band and Honor Band and is required. The dates/times have been assigned.
- Sectionals – Honor Band sectionals begin on February 13<sup>th</sup> and go for 3 weeks. Honor Band members are required to attend at least one sectional per week.
  - Times – Woodwinds – 2:30 – 3:15                      Brass/Percussion – 3:30-4:15
  - What do I do during the other sectional? You can leave and come back, work on homework, or play along with us!
- Solo and Ensemble – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>; S&E is designed to foster interest in music by providing a short-range performance goal and constructive critique. The students who participate will prepare music to perform at the event, which will be evaluated by certified adjudicators and assigned a rating.



### Calendar –



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Pass-offs 2:30-3 5GB: Woodwinds 7-7:45 Parent Volunteer Meeting 5:30 PM	<b>30</b> Pass-offs 2:30-3 JB: Reh 7-7:40	<b>31</b> 5GB: Brass 7-7:45	<b>01</b> Pass-offs 2:30-3 JB: Reh 7-7:40	<b>02</b> 5GB: All 7-7:45 (Need a ride to school afterward)	<b>03</b>
<b>04</b>	5GB: Woodwinds 7-7:45	JB: Reh 7-7:40	5GB: Brass 7-7:45	JB: Reh 7-7:40	5GB: All 7-7:45 (Need a ride to school afterward)	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	5GB: Woodwinds 7-7:45	JB: Reh 7-7:40 HB: MPA Sectionals Week 1 2:30-4:15	5GB: Brass 7-7:45 HB: MPA Sectionals Week 1 2:30-4:15	JB: Reh 7-7:40 HB: MPA Sectionals Week 1 2:30-4:15	5GB: All 7-7:45 (Need a ride to school afterward) EP: Jazz MPA @Pensacola State College	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL	JB: Reh 7-7:40 HB: MPA Sectionals Week 2 2:30-4:15	5GB: Brass 7-7:45 HB: MPA Sectionals Week 2 2:30-4:15	JB: Reh 7-7:40 HB: MPA Sectionals Week 2 2:30-4:15	5GB: All 7-7:45 (Need a ride to school afterward)	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	5GB: Woodwinds 7-7:45	JB: Reh 7-7:40 HB: MPA Sectionals Week 3 2:30-4:15	5GB: Brass 7-7:45 HB: MPA Sectionals Week 3 2:30-4:15	JB: Reh 7-7:40 HB: MPA Sectionals Week 3 2:30-4:15		