



### All Members –

- 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)
  - After-School Pass-offs This Week – This week, I can stay after school for pass-off class on Monday only from 2:30-3:00. Students need a ride home at 3:00 PM. The rest of the week is taken up for Honor Band MPA sectionals.
- 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! So far, we have 22 Ruckel Band students signed up!
- 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)
- 8th Grade Day with Eagle Pride – On Saturday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, Eagle Pride will host 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day from 9am-1pm in the NHS Auditorium. This is a GREAT first step in becoming a member of the Eagle Pride. Students will get a head start learning high school music staples, getting comfortable with the high school environment, and meeting their future section members and band directors. Participants will also get free Chick-Fil-A! 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been working since the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade to get to this next step in their musical experience; it will be a wonderful time for all involved! [www.nicevilleband.com](http://www.nicevilleband.com)



### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band (5GB) – @RamBand5th

- Seesaw Shout Out! – Our most active posters this week were Joslynn B, Norah H, Lauren M, Elisha M, Benson P, Jackson P, Braxton C, Matthew S, Cassidy K, Emma F, and William D! ☺
- 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 8:00AM.
- Bus Driver Search – Our most recent driver update is that those who offered to drive have been given instructions by transportation on their next steps to clearance. Coach Daniels can keep driving M/W in the meantime!
  - 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) – @RamBandBeg

- Due This Week – This Friday, the pass-off for *Line 63: Skill Builder: A Simple Waltz* is due. Students should be passed off at least to this line in the book. On Friday, I will change any missing grades (NG) 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. Sign up by Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - We will be giving out solo music for Beginning Band students during class. The event is optional, but we will be teaching all students how to prepare a solo as if they were going to perform.





### Intermediate Band (IB) – @RamBandInt

- Due This Week – This Friday, the pass-off for *Line 92: 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 (NG) 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. Sign up by Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.



### Advanced Band (AB) – @RamBandAdv

- Due This Week – This Friday, the pass-off for *Mount Vernon March* is due. On Friday, I will change any missing grades (NG) 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.
  - Possible earlier bus time: Because of schedule conflicts with bus routes, we have been asked to leave by 12:15 instead of 1:00. This will change the day’s itinerary. I am confirming this change before sending out an updated schedule.
- 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. Sign up by Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Honor Band (HB) – @RamBandHon

- Due This Week – This Friday, the pass-off for *Sundance* is due. On Friday, I will change any missing grades (NG) to a Z in the gradebook. Once a student turns in his/her missing pass-off, I will change the Z to 100%.
- Ram Rally – Night performance on March 5<sup>th</sup> for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We have been asked to perform the National Anthem, along with our MPA music and some football cheers. I am waiting for an exact schedule. This is an important event for showcasing our band to incoming students. It will also give us a great run-through opportunity before our MPA performance!
- 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.
  - Bus/Itinerary – We are in communications with Transportation over difficulties supplying 2 buses and drivers at our needed time. We are hoping they’re able to find the needed drivers, but if not, we will adjust the itinerary.
  - Sectionals – Honor Band sectionals begin THIS TUESDAY and go for 3 weeks. Honor Band members are required to attend at least one sectional per week (offered Tues/Wed/Thurs each 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!
    - Make-Up Sectionals – If there is a week where your child cannot attend sectionals, they may make it up Tues 3/6 or Wed 3/7. Originally Thurs 3/8 was on the calendar as a make-up date but that is no longer available.
- 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. Sign up by Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.





# This Week in Band

Week of 2/12/2024

Calendar – [Click here for the full calendar!](#)



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
11	12 Pass-offs 2:30-3	13	14	15	16	17
	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	
18	19 Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL	20	21	22	23	24
		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)	
25	26	27	28	29	01	02
	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	5GB: All 7-7:45 (Need a ride to school afterward)	
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
	5GB: Woodwinds 7-7:45	JB: Reh 7-7:40 HB: Makeup Sectionals 2:30-4:15 HB: Ram Rally	5GB: Brass 7-7:45 HB: Makeup Sectionals 2:30-4:15	JB: Reh 7-7:40 HB: Makeup Sectionals 2:30-4:15	5GB: All 7-7:45 (Need a ride to school afterward) EP: Concert Band MPA @FWBHS	EP: Symphonic Winds MPA & Wind Symphony MPA @FWBHS
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	5GB: Woodwinds 7-7:45	AB: Music Performance Assessment (MPA) 2:30 PM Performance Time @ FWBHS	HB: Music Performance Assessment (MPA) 4:30 PM Performance Time @ FWBHS		Spring Break NO SCHOOL	

February 14th  
**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

Wear your favorite pink outfit! OR Deck yourself out in hearts! From heart-patterned clothes to heart-shaped accessories, let's make Wednesday all about love. Cupid-approved attire encouraged.

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Thursday 15 February  
**WEAR GREEN**

**SRO**  
appreciation

THANK YOU  
Deputy Smith  
for all you do

**you matter.**

Wear Yellow

Creating Hope Through Action

**WEAR YELLOW**  
**THURSDAY | 15 FEBRUARY**

Help us spread awareness to suicide prevention & save a life.  
WEAR YELLOW | SHARE IT FORWARD  
CREATING HOPE, THROUGH ACTION

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