



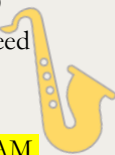
All Members –

- [Volunteer](#) – Attached is the link to sign up to volunteer! The events up right now are MPA for Advanced and Honor Band. We need 6 chaperones each day, along with someone to drive the band trailer.
 - [Ruckel Band Vendor Fair](#) – Jenn Matney: “We have been approved for a Vendor Fair on Sat 3/30 from 11-3 at The Preserve in Bluewater. The cost is \$40 and 1 raffle prize (no minimum cost requirement). This will be an outside rain-or-shine event with all proceeds going to the Ruckel Band. If you are a vendor or have a home business and would like to participate, I want to offer the slots to you first before going to outside contacts. If interested, please email **Jenn Matney** at thematneys@gmail.com. I need email confirmation no later than **Tues 2/20**. This is open to the first 19 vendors. Volunteers wanted! We need at least 10 student volunteers to help vendors empty their vehicles, set up tents and tables and at least 5 adult volunteers to help vendors find their spots and run the raffle booth.”
- [Pass Offs](#) – Spring Semester assignment sheets are posted to the website (with due dates and descriptions).
 - www.ruckelband.com/student-resources (password: ruckelband)
 - [After-School Pass-offs](#) – This week is taken up for Honor Band sectionals. We will pick up again next week.
- [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
- [8th Grade Day with Eagle Pride](#) – THIS Saturday, Feb 24th, Eagle Pride will host 8th 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! 8th graders have been working since the 5th or 6th grade to get to this next step in their musical experience; it will be a wonderful time for all involved! www.nicevilleband.com
- [Band Placement for Next Year](#) – Students have been given the requirements for next year’s band placements and we have discussed them many times in class. [Click HERE for the full band level requirements!](#)



5th Grade Band (5GB) – @RamBand5th

- [Seesaw Shout Out!](#) – Our most active posters this week were Elisha, Matthew, Alex, Lainey, Evelyn, Jackson, and Benson! ☺
- [Rehearsals This Week](#) – We have 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.
 - **NEXT WEEK** – Coach Daniels let me know he has a work conflict next week, 2/26-3/1. He will not be able to drive those mornings. We will be able to hold band those days, but students will need to be picked up between 7:50 and 8:00 AM.
- [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 65: I’ve Just Come From Sydney* 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 13th; 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. Permission forms and entrance fees are due this Friday, February 23rd.





Intermediate Band (IB) – @RamBandInt

- Due This Week – This Friday, the pass-off for *Line 99: 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%.
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Advanced Band (AB) – @RamBandAdv

- Due This Week – This Friday, the pass-off for *Blue Book Line 4: Arroro Mi Niño* 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%.
- Music Performance Assessment – Tuesday, March 12th; 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.
 - ADJUSTED/FINAL ITINERARY: We had to make time adjustments to avoid bus route conflicts. Please see the linked itinerary above. This also includes the link to order a Chick Fil A boxed lunch.
 - MPA Off-Campus Student Release Forms – posted now on the band website; need to be submitted by Mon 3/11
- Solo and Ensemble – Saturday, April 13th; 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. Permission forms and entrance fees are due this Friday, February 23rd.



Honor Band (HB) – @RamBandHon

- Due This Week – All pass-offs are past due. Once a student turns in his/her missing pass-off, I will change the Z to 100%.
- Ram Rally – Night performance on Tues 3/5 for incoming 5th 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!
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 - MPA Off-Campus Student Release Forms – posted now on the band website; need to be submitted by Tues 3/12
 - Sectionals – Honor Band sectionals continue and go for 2 more weeks. Honor Band members are required to attend at least one sectional per week (offered Tues/Wed/Thurs each week).
 - Make-Up Sectionals – If there is a week where your child cannot attend sectionals, they may make it up Tues 3/5 or Wed 3/6.
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This Week in Band

Week of 2/19/2024

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



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	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 <i>(Need a ride to school afterward)</i>	
25	26	27	28	29	01	02
	5GB: Woodwinds 7-7:45 <i>(Need a ride to school afterward)</i>	JB: Reh 7-7:40 HB: MPA Sectionals Week 3 2:30-4:15	<i>(Need a ride to school afterward)</i> 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 <i>(Need a ride to school afterward)</i>	
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 <i>(Need a ride to school afterward)</i> 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	Last Day of 3 rd Quarter	Spring Break NO SCHOOL	