

WILDCAT BANDS

Wilmington Public Schools
Performing Arts Department

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Dear Band Parents:

Only 29 more PRACTICING DAYS until our Advanced Band Winter Concert!

Our 5th grade band students are working very hard in instrumental music lessons to present their winter concert to you on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the WHS Auditorium. This concert will feature the 5th grade Advanced Band members from the North and West Intermediate schools as well as the 5th grade Chorus from the North Intermediate School.

In order to prepare our Advanced Band students to perform together as a musical ensemble, we will be having two (2) rehearsals before the concert. While performing at these band rehearsals is another very important part of your child's music education, we do try to minimize the amount of time that your child will spend outside of his/her classroom. Please read the following information very carefully.

Rehearsal Schedule

1. *Thursday, December 8, 2016 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND ROOM

*This is an EARLY DISMISSAL DAY FOR ELEMENTARY PARENT CONFERENCES.

- -NIS students will depart school at 11:00 AM to go by bus to the West Intermediate School

- - WIS students will depart their classrooms at 11:10 AM.

- - ALL Advanced Band students will EAT LUNCH in the West Café. Students are required to bring a bag lunch and drink, as there will be no food service that day. A peanut/tree nut free table will be available.

- - All Advanced Band students will walk to the Middle School at 11:40 AM.

Students must be picked up from the MIDDLE School at 3:00. *WIS CARES students can be picked up by a CARES staff member and escorted back to the West. Please contact Kerin Ritchie to arrange this.*

2. Tuesday, December 20, 2016 9:00 - 11:15 DRESS REH. At Wilmington High School

--West Intermediate Advanced Band students will depart from school by bus at 10:00 AM and go to the Wilmington High School Auditorium, and then return to WIS at 11:15 AM

--North Intermediate Advanced Band students will depart from school by bus at 9:00 AM and go to the Wilmington High School Auditorium.

They will be involved with the entire 5th Grade chorus rehearsal for one hour, followed by a band rehearsal for one hour, and then return to NIS at 11:15 AM

Rehearsal Preparation

To be prepared for the after school rehearsal (12/8), band students must bring their instruments, band music, pencils, coats, book bags and any homework materials. Students must also bring a bag lunch and a drink for their lunch. Percussionists do not need to bring their drums, only their sticks and music.

Transportation

There is no transportation available following the after school rehearsal (12/8). Parents are requested to pick up their children promptly at the conclusion of the band rehearsal by coming into the Middle School Band Room on the 3rd floor (Rm. 308) on 12/8. For safety reasons, no student will be released into the parking lots unattended. Please notify the CARES staff if your child usually attends that program after school on this date.

Concert Dress and Ticket Info

As this performance will probably be recorded and shown on WCTV we encourage students to look their best. For this winter concert, students are requested to wear the following attire:

BOYS:

White shirt (tie welcome, but optional), black/dark pants, and nice footwear

GIRLS:

White blouse, black/dark skirt or pants, nice footwear

Ticket order forms are attached to this permission slip for the West Intermediate Band students; North Intermediate Band students will return the ticket order form given to them in chorus to Mr. Bell. Three (3) tickets per family will be available, as this concert will sell out due to the number of students performing. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause. Tickets will be distributed to the West Band students at the dress rehearsal on December 20, 2016.

North and West band students must return the attached permission slip to Ms. DiLullo by Friday, December 2, 2016. Performing Arts Department policy dictates that any student who does not return the permission slip may not attend at the first rehearsal on December 8. Should you have any questions, please contact me at your child's school on lesson day or via email: anita.dilullo@wpsk12.com

Musically yours,

Anita M. DiLullo
Elementary Band Director

ADVANCED ELEMENTARY BAND PERMISSION SLIP

PLEASE RETURN THIS TO MS. DILULLO

NO LATER THAN December 2, 2016

STUDENT NAME _____ **ROOM NUMBER** _____

I have read this permission slip and give my consent for my child to attend the Advanced Band rehearsal on 12/8/16 from 11:00 – 3:00 at the Middle School. I understand that my child will need to be picked up from the Middle School Band room following this rehearsal at 3:00.

I also give my consent for my child to participate in the dress rehearsal at Wilmington High School on 12/20/16 from 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM.

Parent/Guardian Signature Home Phone Emergency Phone

Parent E-Mail Address: _____

WEST INTERMEDIATE TICKET ORDER FORM*

for the Winter Music Festival

December 20, 2016 - 7:00 PM - WHS Auditorium

3 tickets per family - Ticket Price: \$2.00 each - Cash/Checks payable to **Performing Arts**

Student Name _____

Please reserve: 1 2 3 tickets for our family (circle one).

Due to the large number of student participants, space limitations, and Fire Law compliance, there is a strict limit of 3 tickets per family. For the benefit of those who are unable to attend this performance, it will be video recorded and aired on WCTV following the concert.

Amount attached: \$ _____ Checks payable to **Performing Arts**

All tickets will be distributed to West band students at the dress rehearsal on December 20.

*NORTH INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS SHOULD USE THE CHORUS TICKET ORDER FORM AND RETURN IT TO MR. BELL.