

10/25/2018

Dear Band Parents & or Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of the annual Jefferson Winter Band Concert. It is hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us already! Band students have submitted flipgrid playing tests, memorized note names and rhythms, learned musical signs, symbols & vocabulary in Italian, taken written quizzes, and so much more. This is a required concert that is worth a portion of the 9 week band grade. Every student is expected to do their best in preparing for this performance and to meet performance criteria (correct interpretation of notes, rhythms and other musical indications, consistent and accurate performance, and a constructive contribution to the performance). Some students will not be permitted to perform in the concert due to low grades on playing tests, frequent absences, or simply not meeting required benchmarks. Those students will be assigned an alternate assignment. Additionally, if your child cannot attend the concert, a parent note or email is required to be turned in 2 weeks prior to the concert stating the reason of the absence.

The Jefferson Winter Band Concert is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> in the Jefferson Gymnasium. Concert admission is \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 per family which ever less is. Children under 12 are admitted free. We will have a mandatory dress rehearsal (12/11/18) in the Jefferson Gym during the school day in preparation for the evenings concert.

Please remind your child they will need the following things:

- Instrument (labeled clearly with your name, address & school) and required equipment (reeds, mutes, sticks, mallets, valve oil, pencil, music, book, etc.)
- Folder, book, pencil & all concert music (labeled clearly with your name)
  - Beginning Band: TOE Band book songs on pages 12-13.
  - Jazz Ensemble: 3 songs chosen later
  - Cadet Band: TOE book songs Procession, March Across the Seas, Banana Boat Song, Indigo Rock
  - 7/8 Concert Band: Toboggan Run, Tin Soldiers, In the Bleak Midwinter, A World Holiday Celebration
- Concert Dress: Ladies wear black blouse/sweater and black slacks/skirt. Gentlemen wear black oxford shirt or turtleneck and black slacks and shoes. Jazz students should wear jazz shirt for the entire concert.

Band Class	Warm-up (Attendance)	Concert Begins
Beginning Band	6:00 PM cafeteria	6:30 PM
Jazz Ensemble	6:00 PM band room	6:30 PM
Cadet Band	7:00 PM cafeteria	7:30 PM
Concert Band	7:00 PM band room	7:30 PM

I will need a few parents to pass out programs and assist in the warm up area on the night of the concert (Dec. 11). This may be used as your volunteering hours in our 3 for me program. If you have any questions, or you wish to help me at the concert please feel free to phone me at Jefferson or e-mail me. Thank you for your support of music education at Jefferson Traditional.

Musically Yours,

Dawn Forsythe, Director of Bands  
 Jefferson Traditional MIDDLE School