

Flossmoor Fanfare

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FALL/WINTER 2011

News from the Band, Orchestra and Choir !



Tues., Dec. 13, assembly during school day

Varsity & Falcon Orchestra, 7th Gr. Ensemble, 8th Gr. Ensemble and Gold Jazz Band. Music polos required.

Tues, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Winter Orchestra Concert for Falcon and Varsity Orchestras; 7th and 8th grade Ensembles

Wed., Jan 18,

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Orchestra Tri-District Rehearsal at James Hart

Mon., Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Orch. Tri-District Festival (Falcon Orchestra) at HF

Tues., Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Choral Tri-District for all 7th and 8th grade Choir members

Jan. 26, 7:00 p.m.

Beginning Orchestra Concert at PJHS (all 4th grade orch. students) PJHS North Gym.

Wed., Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Orchestra Winter Recital in PJHS LGI

Thurs., Feb. 16, during school

Prairie State Jazz Band Festival for Blue and Gold Jazz Bands

Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Winter Choral Concert

Sat., Feb. 25, 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

PJHS Solo/Ensemble Festival for all Concert and Symphonic Band Students

Thurs., March. 15 time TBA

SSJHSA Band Festival (Symphonic Band only)

April 3, TBA

SSJHSA Choir

April 4, 7:30 p.m.

Orchestra Spring Recital

PJHS LGI

PARENT REMINDERS:

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Varsity and Falcon Orchestra, 7th and 8th grade Ensemble students need to arrive at Parker promptly at 7:40 a.m. for rehearsals.

Monday Beginning Band and Orchestra rehearsals end at 4:30 P.M. Pick up students by the B Door.

Please be sure to pick your child up promptly from after-school activities. The teachers are required to wait with your child until he or she is picked up.

THANK YOU!

- To all of our PTO music chairs: Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Thomas, Band; Mrs. Valanicus-Mangel and Mrs. Oh, 6th Grade Parker Choir; Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Booker, Orchestra; Mrs. Epperson, Falcon Choir.

- To all band, choir and orchestra PARENTS for your continued support of our programs!

Eighth Graders!

Be sure to sign up for band, orchestra or choir when you register for High School classes!

If you're not sure how to fit it in—ASK!! :-)

Winter Concerts are Upon Us!

Does your child have the proper concert attire?

Black dress pants

Black dress shoes

Black socks

Royal blue music polo shirt



Private Lessons are for Everyone!

Private lessons during the summer and during the school year are a wonderful way of developing musical skills, whether for advanced students, for those just starting out, or for those who feel they could use an extra boost. Below is a list of sources of private music instructors:

Melody Mart 798-5500
 4 Strings Music 799-4328
 Prairie State Community College
 709-3500
 South Suburban College
 596-2000 X 2316
 The Music Connection (Mrs. Kuester)
 (815)464-4434

In addition to these sources there are several individuals who teach in the area. For more information contact your child's band, orchestra, or choral director at school.

7th and 8th Grade Parker Band Students Performed for H.F. Football Game

On Friday, September 23rd, the seventh and eighth grade Parker Band students spent the afternoon with the HF Marching Band. After a pizza dinner, they rehearsed and performed for pre-game and halftime. Thank you to Mrs. Sarah Whitlock, the H.F. Band Director, for providing the opportunity!



Band Solo/Ensemble Festival February 25

Every Spring the band department hosts its own Solo/Ensemble Festival. All students in Concert Band and Symphonic Band are required to perform a solo with piano accompaniment, or a small ensemble with fellow students. Clinicians will listen to the students and give them constructive feedback on how to further their skills. Students who are unable to attend will perform for Ms. Panner and Mrs. Hoefle.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to grow musically, and for the parents to hear them at their best! Mark your calendars and watch for more details in the future.



CONGRATS TO OUR I.M.E.A. PARTICIPANTS!!

Band

Ben Hoefle, trumpet
 Jackie Mazique, clarinet
 Isabel Weber, clarinet

Jazz Band

Mbella Beseka, trumpet
 Ben Hoefle, trumpet
 Shelly Ray, bari sax
 Alex Wright, alto sax

Orchestra

Mbella Beseka, violin
 Michelle Maass, violin
 Allie Mangel, violin
 Christian Mayo, cello

Chorus

Holly Hughes, alto
 Kayla Robinson, alto

IMEA Participants: Front row, Allie Mangel, Christian Mayo, Michelle Maass; Second row, Holly Hughes, Isabel Weber, Jackie Mazique, Kayla Robinson, Third row, Mbella Beseka, Shelly Ray, Ben Hoefle, Alex Wright

Fall Orchestra Recital

Fourteen orchestra members participated in the Fall Orchestra Recital at Parker on October 19th, performing pieces from the Suzuki repertoire. There were 30 parents and friends in attendance. The students played wonderfully and were well prepared and poised in their performance. Great job! Thank you to the PTO for providing baked goods and decorations for the reception! The next two orchestra recitals are on February 8 and April 4, so know your date and prepare your music in advance for your assigned recital!
 - Miss May

The I.M.E.A. Junior Festival for Choir, Orchestra, and Band

On Saturday, November 5th, 2011, the Illinois Music Educators Association Elementary and Junior High Division held its annual District I Music Festival at Riverside-Brookfield High School. The festival involved over 500 students selected from more than 70 schools throughout the southwestern metropolitan Chicago area.

The Festival Band, Orchestra, and Chorus presented a public Festival Finale Concert at 3:00 p.m. in the Riverside-Brookfield High School Gymnasium. Appearing in concert was the 150 member festival band, the 100 piece festival orchestra, and the festival chorus numbering over 150 voices.

Guest conductors/clinicians for the event were: Margene Pappas, Band; David Anderson, Orchestra; and Paul Caldwell, Chorus.

On Saturday, November 12th, the IMEA Jazz Festival took place at Rich South High School. There were two Junior High jazz bands, under the direction of Bob Lark from DePaul University, and Doug Beach from Elmhurst College.