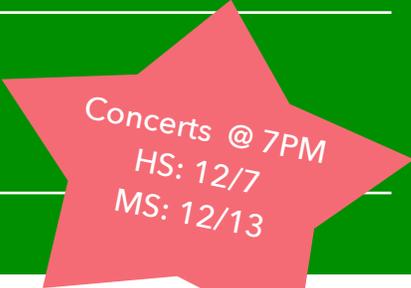


Pick-Up Notes

A quick update on the Clare Bands



Friendly Competition

Dividing Into "Houses" to Promote Camaraderie & Rivalry

Our students decided to divide into Band Houses, much like the Harry Potter Saga. After a week of discerning several different ideas, they settled on houses based upon major

mythologies: Egyptian, Greek, Norse, and Roman. We'll try to highlight music from these different cultures throughout the year. The competition will take on several forms throughout all our bands including: solo & ensemble participation, weekly amount of minutes practiced, cheesecakes sold, and participation at pep band opportunities. All these activities are meant to strengthen our ensembles and our program from grade 6 to the high school. Be on the lookout for fun activities!

Max & Emily's Cheesecake Sale: Another Success

Our annual cheesecake sale was very successful. While final profits haven't quite been calculated, our band students sold nearly 900 cheesecakes to our community. Remember to collect your orders on Tuesday, November 22 during conferences.



Winter Concerts

High School Concert: Wed, December 7; Middle School: Tues, December 13



PMB Fun Night

Plans in the works for Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14



HS Solo & Ensemble Festival

HS students get to showcase their individual talents on Saturday, February 4

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CONFERENCES!

Come by school on Monday, November 21 or Tuesday, November 22

2

CHEESECAKES!

Be sure to pick up your cheesecake orders on Tuesday, November 22 in the afternoon or evening

3

SPIRIT WEAR!

Turn in your spirit wear orders on Tuesday, November 22 to ensure holiday delivery

Middle School Updates

What's an FMB?

Based upon our State Content Standards, Mr. Lowe developed the Fundamental Musicianship Battery (FMB) for especially middle school students. Using our warm-up materials, it reinforces memorization of notes and introduces important rhythmic figures in smaller chunks. It also has students begin notating and writing music as well as evaluate their musical experience. This course of study has been adapted by other schools for their use and been highlighted at the Michigan Music Conference as a user-friendly method to have quick formative assessments.

Practice Records

An important aspect of any band program is methodical practice outside of the classroom. Now that most middle school students have found their niche, we're asking that your middle school band student **practice approximately 45 minutes per week**. That's just under 7 minutes each day. Extra credit will

Concerts @ 7PM
HS: 12/7
MS: 12/13



be given to students who exceed one hour of practice during a week.

Practice records can be found in the band room as well as online at cpsbands.weebly.com.

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Classroom Expectations

Be Polite. Be Prompt. Be Prepared. Be Productive. Be A Pioneer. These are the expectations of the band room. Ask your student how their class is measuring up.

FROM ASHLEY HAYER

We are excited to announce that Clare Bands are beginning a new tradition! We have separated all band members from 6th grade through the high school into four different houses with our over-arching theme of Mythology! Each house has a different focus and respective House Leader: Egyptian House is led by Ruth Mooketsi, Greek House is led by Ashley Hayer, Norse House is led by Kathryn Longton, and Roman House is led by Mackenzie Delong. Students will have many opportunities to score points through good behavior, practice wars, participation in Solo & Ensemble and many other musical activities. Our hope is that it builds a sense of unity within all of our band classes. We are super excited to begin this tradition! We hope you share that excitement and join us on our journey!

