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Dear Panther Band Families,

In this PHSN Band Email:

- Updated Band Calendar for Remainder of Year (*Update: 3/18/21*)
- Sectional Information
- Flower Sale Fundraiser Orders due THIS FRIDAY, March 26<sup>th</sup>!

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Thanks to all of the students for a fantastic March Concert! Families, we appreciate your continued support of your students to keep making music during this challenging year.

**Updated Band Calendar for Remainder of Year (*Update: 3/18/21*):**

As we approach a return to full-time in-person learning April 5<sup>th</sup>, we have made some adjustments to our Band Calendar for the remainder of the year. We are so grateful for all the ensembles have put in outside the school day during the hybrid model, but will return to our more traditional calendar for the remainder of the year, now being able to rehearse each day together in-school. You will notice events removed appear in ~~STRIKETHROUGH~~, and there is a brief description of upcoming Sectional information (further info below in this email).

Please see the attached Calendar to this email, and posted on the Band website ( [pickeringtonnorthband.com](http://pickeringtonnorthband.com) ), for updates.

**Sectional Information:**

As we prepare for our Pickerington Mock Adjudicated Event, we will follow our traditional trajectory of Sectionals for each section of both the Symphonic and Concert Bands.

Each section of each Band will complete **3 required/graded one-hour after-school sectionals** with a director to prepare for this event. Students/Sections schedule these with directors posted availability on a first-come, first-served basis. Students have been made aware of upcoming scheduling for sectionals in their Band classes. Sectionals will begin the week of April 5<sup>th</sup>, and each section will have approximately one sectional per week.

Scheduling for sectionals will be available to 1<sup>st</sup> chair players in each section (they should coordinate with their section) on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> via Google Calendar appointment slot links. These will become available at **3:30pm Monday, March**

**22<sup>nd</sup>**. When scheduling, they should indicate the **Band and Sectional Grouping** (see below) in the appointment time-slot. It is expected that each sectional be approximately a week apart (approximately; not back-to-back days).

Sectional Groupings are as follows:

- Groupings assigned to Mr. Guirrerri for Sectionals (*Available slots: 3:05-4:05pm daily*)
  - Concert Band – Flutes & Oboes
  - Concert Band – Clarinets
  - Concert Band – Alto Saxes & Horns
  - Concert Band – Tubas, Bassoon, Bari Saxes, Bass Clarinets
- Groupings assigned to Mr. Benson for Sectionals (*Available slots: 3:15-4:15pm, 4:30-5:30pm, 5:45-6:45pm daily; additional timeslots available upon request through Mr. Benson*)
  - Concert Band – Trumpets
  - Concert Band – Trombones, Euphoniums, Tenor Saxes
  - Symphonic Band – Flutes & Oboes
  - Symphonic Band – Clarinets
  - Symphonic Band – Alto Saxes, Tenor Saxes, Euphoniums
  - Symphonic Band – Trumpets
  - Symphonic Band – Horns
  - Symphonic Band – Trombones
  - Symphonic Band – Tubas, Bassoon, Bari Sax, Bass Clarinet
- Percussion sectionals for ALL BAND are scheduled and completed by Mr. Carmean.

Please see below information regarding Sectional expectations:

*Sectionals are one hour in length and **attendance is mandatory**. These sectionals are your opportunity to check off your parts with Mr. Benson, Mr. Guirrerri, or Mr. Carmean, and for the section to refine ensemble cohesiveness, tuning, etc. You must arrive to your sectional prepared on your individual parts, as this is not a time to learn your parts. All individual parts **MUST** be checked off prior to our contest performance. Any parts not passed during sectionals will need to be passed off individually to Mr. Benson prior to our performance at competition. Completing the sectional requirement and attending the mandatory full ensemble after-school rehearsals is a significant part of your ensemble grade.*

Students should communicate with the 1<sup>st</sup> chair players in their sections and determine the best availability slots for their sections. Please remember some flexibility may be required from each member. Please also determine some first and second choice options, as scheduling is on a first-come, first-served basis.

These sectionals are what make our ensembles FANTASTIC, and we look forward to these rehearsals with our students!

**Flower Sale Fundraiser Orders due THIS FRIDAY, March 26<sup>th</sup>!**

Don't forget, our Spring Flower Sale fundraiser wraps up this week, with orders and payment due to the Band Room by Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>! Each student is expected to sell 5 items (following Covid protocols set forth and approved for this fundraiser). If you need more order forms, please see Mr. Benson!

Each student receives a \$2.50 credit to their account per item sold toward Band and trip expenses!

Also, the student selling the most items in both Symphonic and Concert Band gets to pie Mr. Benson in the face!

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Thanks & Go Panthers!