



# FALL NEWSLETTER

## SYMPHONIC & CONCERT BANDS



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ❖ **PTA Reflections:** Reflections theme is “*Within Reach*”. This is not a mandatory project but students are encouraged to submit their work. Attached is the PTA flyer. Deadline is the end of October.
- ❖ **Testing/Assessments:** We have started weekly grades & assignments. Instruments should be going home on a daily basis **AND/OR** students should be coming to the band hall in before school for morning practice. 8<sup>th</sup> period/ after school Athletics students can leave their instrument in the coach’s office for safekeeping.
- ❖ **Sectionals:** This is the Sectional schedule for the next 3 weeks. These are optional.

<u><b>Before School 7:50am – 8:25am</b></u>	<u><b>After School 3:50pm – 4:30pm</b></u>
Tuesday - Trumpets	Tuesday - Clarinets & All Saxophones
Wednesday - F Horn	Wednesday - Low Brass & Flutes
- ❖ **Background Checks:** If you are planning to chaperone any events this year or be involved directly with the Band students, you must complete a mandatory NISD Background Check. A link can be found on [www.BengalBand.org](http://www.BengalBand.org). *Note: NISD employees do not need to complete a background check.*
- ❖ **Intermediate/Advanced Bands Fall Concert: Tuesday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**PERFORMANCE & REPORT TIMES:**

Concert Band Performs -	6:30pm	Report time is 6:15pm to Band Hall
Symphonic Band Performs -	7pm	Report time is 6:45 to Band Hall
Jazz Band	- 7:30pm	Report time is 7:15 to Band Hall
Honors Band	- 7:45pm	Report time is 7:15 to Band Hall

*Students are dismissed after their performance.*

### DRESS:

Dress is Band Polo, Black dress pants, black socks and black dress shoes. **No tennis shoes.**

### PARENTS ARE INVITED:

Parents – If you were in Band and would like to perform a song with the Briscoe Band, you are invited to come play the last 2 songs of the concert - “Smells Like Teen Spirit” & “Ghostbusters”

- If you want to play on the concert, you’ll need:
  - Music – We can send a copy of the music with your child
  - Complete NISD Background check
  - (optional) attend a rehearsal during school Oct 11-13<sup>th</sup>



- ❖ **Chaperoning for the Fall Fundraiser (The Practice Challenge) Lock-in:**  
The [Fall Fundraiser](#) is The Practice Challenge and the reward party is the Band Lock-In at Casablanca Theater on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be an informational meeting regarding chaperoning for the Band Lock-In AFTER the Fall Concert around 8pm in the cafeteria. We will discuss the event and get an overview of chaperoning duties.



# PTA'S Reflections Program

This is a program for ALL students.

*PTA membership is required by someone in the participating student's household.*

*The student themselves may even be the PTA member.*

The PTA presents this year's Reflections program. The Reflections program was designed to give every student a chance to show case their creative side. Students are given a theme to reflect on and then create a work of art in any of the six categories within the program based on their interpretation of the theme. This year's theme is "Within Reach". This is called a program and not a contest because every student that enters will be recognized and rewarded for their work, but students who enter a work that earns them top honors can have their entries advanced to the next level for judging. At the top level (National PTA) of judging students can earn scholarship and grant money if their entry earns top honors.



## The Break Down of Reflections

1. Program is open to all students. There is even a Special Artist Division for students who may need extra assistance from an adult to complete their projects.
2. This is not a mandatory program. It is strictly voluntary.
3. Students may not have any help from an adult in coming up with their project idea, but may have help in some areas when creating it. Please see individual category rules for more details.
4. Entry forms and category rules are available in the front office or online at [www.txpta.org/reflections](http://www.txpta.org/reflections).
5. All entries are due by the end of October 2017.
6. Students reflect on this year's theme "Within Reach" and create a work of art in any or all of the 6 categories.
7. All entries will go through a judging process to see if they can advance to the next level. There are 4 levels of judging: local (Briscoe), District (NISD), State, and National. At the National PTA level grant and scholarship money is awarded to top honors.

The Categories are: Photography, Visual arts, Film Production, Music Composition, Literature, and Dance Choreography.

The artwork accompanying the theme logo was provided by one of our own here at Briscoe.

