



# Honors Band



## Before Thanksgiving Newsletter

Hello Parents/Students,

It's going to be a very busy sprint to the Holiday Break! Please note all **performances** are mandatory.

**1) Formal Uniforms** – The uniform distribution starts today! Students will keep them until the end of the year. This will be the uniform for the Holiday Concert and all other formal concerts/contests. The uniform consists of:

- **Ladies: Concert Gown**
- **Gentlemen: Tuxedo** (*coat, pants, shirt & bow tie*). *Bow ties are \$5 to replace. Don't lose them!* Please have them try on their uniform at home. Most if not all uniforms will need some sort of hemming. Please, do not use scissors to hem up the uniform. Hem tape is recommended. Also, students **MUST** wear black dress SOCKS & black dress SHOES.

**2) Grades - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks - Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**; students, pass your classes

**3) Band Pictures on Holiday Concert Day** – Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> - A group picture will be taken at the beginning of each band class. Individual pictures will be taken shortly thereafter. A handout can be found at [http://www.morganphotosa.com/flyer\\_new.pdf](http://www.morganphotosa.com/flyer_new.pdf). Students need to bring their FORMAL uniform to school and will change at the beginning of class. As the group picture will be part of this year's yearbook, students who do not bring uniforms will not be included.

### **PERFORMANCES:** (please mark your calendars)

- **Electives Fair** – Wed, November 28<sup>th</sup> – 6pm Performance

Report time is 5:30pm @ Briscoe MS.

Dress is Band Fun Shirts, comfortable jeans & shoes.

We are performing for incoming 6th grade students & parents!

- **Elementary Visits to Briscoe (in-class Performance)** – Mon Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wed Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

Students will be dismissed from 1<sup>st</sup> period class at 9am; Perform at 9:20am for visiting 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Dress is Band Fun Shirts, comfortable jeans & shoes.

- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Taft/Comm Arts Field Trip** – Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 10:45am – 1pm

The Taft HS & Briscoe MS directors have scheduled a field trip for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to tour Taft/Comm Arts facilities to listen to student speakers and a meet-&-greet with the HS students. An itinerary will be passed out soon.

- **Holiday Concert** – Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> - Dress – Formal Uniforms

Beginning Band Performs - 6pm *Report time is 5:30 to Band Hall*

Concert Band Performs - 7pm *Report time is 6:45 to Band Hall*

Symphonic Band Performs - 7pm *Report time is 6:45 to Band Hall*

**Jazz Band/Honors Band - 7:30pm *Report time is 7:15 to Band Hall***

*Students are dismissed after their performance.*



- **Holiday Tour to ES** – Wednesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

The Honors Band will be performing at feeder Elementary Schools. FYI- students will need to be dropped off at Mireles ES on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> and Hoffmann ES on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Bus transportation will be provided back to Briscoe MS. An itinerary will be passed out after Thanksgiving.

Thank you,

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Briscoe MS Band