

The Beat Goes ON....

St. John Paul II Collegiate Band Newsletter December 2018



Jazz 'Nite' Thank You!

Thank you to all members of Jazz 8 and Jazz 9 for an EXCELLENT performance at HTA on November 21! Thank you to all the families who came out to support our jazz programs at St. JP II/HTA. We have some exciting jazz opportunities coming up this spring!

St. JP II Christmas Concert Tuesday, December 4 7:00 PM

Tis' the season for our annual celebration of the holidays! All concert bands will be featured in our winter concert on Tuesday, December 4.

Many thanks in advance to all the students and families who are preparing to contribute to our bake sale (no nuts!) Please have your child drop off their baking contribution to the main office when they arrive to school on December 4. Many thanks in advance to all the parent volunteers who offered to help sort baking, run the bake sale table and help in other capacities.



Students should plan to arrive at school no later than 6:15 PM, dressed in their concert attire, and go to their designated warm-up spaces. Students are expected to stay for the duration of the concert, and lend a hand for clean up at the end of the night.

More details were sent home to all parents via email on November 28.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Holidays is a Great Time for an Instrument TUNE UP!



Students are encouraged to clear out the band room by bringing their instruments home over the holidays to:

- a) Practice!
- b) Clean their instrument and case!
- c) Stock up on supplies!

Please remember that any soft materials (corks, pads, felt etc.) cannot get wet. Students can use a mild dish soap and warm water to clean their mouthpieces. The outside of each instrument should be wiped with a dry soft cloth. Old reeds should be tossed out! Valves and slides should be oiled and greased. Cases should be emptied and then vacuumed out to keep them clean. Ensure nametags are still attached to cases.

Never put an instrument in a dishwasher! It is not recommended that students at this age should ever fully submerge their instrument in water - they are very particular pieces of equipment and much damage can be done.

If your child's instrument is not operating to the best of its ability, now is a great time to take it in to either St. John's Music or Long & McQuade! (If it is not owned by the school...)

THEORY EXTRA HELP SESSIONS

Classes recently completed their second theory assessment in recent weeks. If your child feels they could benefit from extra review, or I have suggested to them that I would love to see them for review, please remind them to come on TUESDAYS at lunch.

These lunch hours are always reserved for students to drop in and ask any questions related to theory.

A great way for students to review at home is by using the Music Tech Teacher website. There are some wonderful (and fun!) games to choose from here. www.musictechteacher.com

November Practice Minutes Due Dec. 3

Your child's second practice assignment is due December 3 - they received a November calendar weeks ago! Students taking lessons outside of school (ex. piano) may use up to 60 minutes per month of their practice on that instrument for their assignments. *Jazz band rehearsal and concert band class DO NOT count towards practice minutes...that is a rehearsal. Concerts do not count as practice!*

Absent from School?

Test and quiz dates are always posted on Google Classroom - please remind your child to check Google Classroom on a regular basis, particularly when they are absent from school. Students are responsible for what they have missed!

Upcoming Band Dates

Tues. December 4

- St. JPII Christmas Concert

Wed. December 5

- Percussion Wednesday
 - 3:06-3:45 PM



Please reference your band handbook for dates past this point!

ST. JPII BAND HANDBOOK

For course information, expectations, jazz information, concert dates, class codes and more....

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HzQL43PHcRLEk14-9IJUBVdS-F5zf9Ntx7PPglPT_98/edit?usp=sharing