

1st Quarter Newsletter

The first 9-weeks of the '19-'20 school year is in the books! The year began with preparing for pep band performance and the homecoming parade.

<u>Pep Band</u>

Pep band performances are our most frequent performances throughout the year. Like last year, all 7-12 band students perform in the pep band. As the year progresses, we will continue to develop a deep repertoire of music for these events. I do want to acknowledge this year's 7th grade class. We are 18 7th grade students who have never performed in the pep band before this year but are picking up the music quickly and very well!!!

As of now, the next pep band performance scheduled is Jan. 2 (GBB vs Lennox).

Homecoming

The band's homecoming experience was a little different this year. We played at the pep rally and performed pep band during pregame, but the parade was something new.

Typically, the band has been known to march through the parade playing their parade tune, but not this year. The band had it's own performance float! Students performed their piece "Too Close" while sitting on straw bales on top of a decorated trailer. This was the first time the band has ever done this and the students seemed to really enjoy it.

Thank you to the Goehring, Fink and Weber families for giving us the resources need to make this happen!

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 4th – Band Booster Meeting (7:00 pm)

Nov. 11th – Veterans Day Program

Dec. 3rd – Winter Concert (7:00 pm)





MUSIC FESTIVALS

The Parkston band is a member of Region V for music events. Each year our region puts on a jr. high and high school music festival. For both of these events, directors from the 28 different schools in our region nominate students from their school to be selected for this event. Once the students have been selected by the hosting school's directors. they all come together and in 1 day rehearse with a guest conductor and perform a concert!



<u>Jr. High Music Festival</u>

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 19 Where: Platte-High School

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR BEING SELECTED.

Mackenzie Titze Taylor Fink Elliott Leischner Alexis Elam Hailey Petras Borg

High School Music Festival

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 26 Where: Gregory High School

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR BEING SELECTED.

Madison Zwinger Keelie Konfrst Kenna Konfrst Lindsey Roth Ashlyn Tapio Emma Poore Ty Fink Kacy Goehring

Things to Look Forward To

Veterans Day Program: All students in band will perform at some point of this program.

7-12: National Anthem. 4-12: Call of Courage by Carmin Pastore, 9-12 Armed Forces on Parade

Winter Concert: The concert will begin at 7:00 pm and band performances include:

5&6 Grade Band, Jr. High Band, and High School Band