

# 2ND QUARTER NEWSLETTER

**The 1<sup>st</sup> half of the school year is now in the books!! The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the semester included a number of performances, a Thanksgiving potluck, and some new faces to the band program!**

## **Band Outside the Walls of PHS**

Students have been venturing out to participate in band activities that take place away from PHS. Four students performed in the Platte Jr. High Festival. Eight students were scheduled to perform in the Gregory High School Festival, but unfortunately it was cancelled due to weather. Now we have one student who has been selected to participate in the SDSU Honor Band! Congratulations to **Ashlyn Tapio** for being selected to perform in the 2020 Festival Band. On Feb. 28-29, Ashlyn will travel to SDSU, work alongside eleven other clarinets and seventy-six other band members! The performance will take place at 3:00pm on Saturday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. More information on how to catch the performance will be posted on the Facebook page ([Parkston Marching Trojans](#)) as the date approaches.



## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

### **Band Booster Meeting:**

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00pm

### **Pep Band:**

Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – GBB

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – BBB

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> – GBB

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – Wrestling

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – GBB

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – BBB

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – BBB.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Performances**

### **Solo & Ensemble (HS):**

Chamberlain on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Large Group Contest (HS):**

Mitchell on March 18<sup>th</sup>

### **4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert (5<sup>th</sup>&6<sup>th</sup> Band)**

April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

### **7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert**

April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

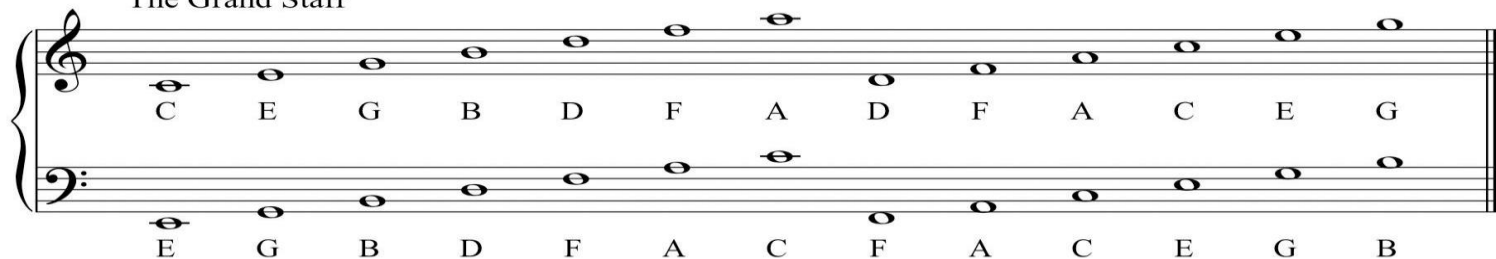
### **Pops Concert**

May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

### **Graduation (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**

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The Grand Staff



Observe that the pitch "C" ("Middle C") is one line below Treble Clef and one line above Bass Clef. This is the remaining vestige of the "eleventh line" from the Guidonian Staff.

## **Beginning Band**

Before any of the students are able to attend to the festivals and honor band events previously mentioned, they all had to make a decision at some point in their lives. They all at one time decided, "Yes, I want to be in band." This quarter, 16 students have made that decision.

Every year, the Parkston School district offers 4<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to start participating in band. This year fourteen 4<sup>th</sup> grade students have decided to join band! Not only did fourteen 4<sup>th</sup> grade students join but also two 6<sup>th</sup> grade students decided to be a part of the Parkston band program! I am very excited to see all of these develop as musicians and learn how to create great music!



## **Thanksgiving Dinner**

Not everything is about performing. Sometimes it is nice to relax and eat a meal together. On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-12 band students came together to celebrate the first Band Thanksgiving - the first Bandssgiving if you will. The night involved eating a potluck-style meal, watching football, and decorating the band room for the season.