


NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



Veterans Day, 4th grade beginning band, jr. high festival, preparing 5-12 performances, November has been and will continue to be an exciting month for us all!

Veterans Day

Friday November 9th, the Parkston School district had a Veterans Day program to honor and show respect for those who serve our country. During the program, the Parkston band performed a number of pieces: The Star-Spangled Banner, In Honor of the Fallen, and Armed Forces on Parade.

The High School Parkston Band has performed during the Veterans Day for many years but this year they were not alone. The 5th & 6th Grade band joined the HS band to perform the Star-Spangled Banner. The 5th-12th band had a total of 70 students and had a great performance to start the program!!

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 19th

Band Booster Meeting
8:00pm in the band room

Dec. 4th

Winter Concert
PHS Armory at 7:00pm

Dec. 8th

Boys Basketball Pep Band

Dec. 21st

Last day of 1st semester
Band Checklist is due.



NEW BEGINNINGS: 4TH GRADE BAND

Every fall, 4th grade students are given the opportunity to become a member of the Parkston band. On November 8th, Popplers Music came to Parkston to give students the chance to play many of the instruments in a concert band: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Percussion.

Although the 4th grade students only have lessons the first year and are not in any ensemble, be sure to be on the look out for them next year with the 5th & 6th Grade band!!

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Region V Jr. High Music Festival

Every year the directors at Platte-Geddes host a jr. high festival for our region, Region V. Directors from the 28 different schools in our region nominate students from their band. Then a finite number of students are selected by the Platte directors to rehearse and perform at this festival.

This year, six Parkston students were accepted into the festival: Kaiya Bonilla (Flute), Ashlyn Tapio (Clarinet), Emma Yost (Alto Saxophone), Reese Reichert (Trumpet), Taylor Thuringer (Trumpet), and Kacy Goerhing (Trombone).

The six students left for Platte on November 13th to have a full day of rehearsal with the other 140+ students selected for the ensemble. There they rehearsed under guest conductor Brian LeMaster, who is a past Parkston School District employee. The day ended with a fantastic concert performance put on by the Region V jr. high band students and the Region V jr. high choir students.

2018 Winter Concert

The holiday season is right around the corner so you know what that means.... CONCERT TIME!!! Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00pm be sure to come out to the Parkston armory to get into the holiday spirit with some live music performed by the Parkston band and choir students.

PERFORMING ENSEMBLES

5th & 6th Band

7th-12th Men's Choir

7th-12th Mixed Choir

7th-12th Women's Choir

7th-12th Band

Throughout this school year, the band students have already committed to a large amount of time into rehearsals and performances:

Pep band - 13 songs performed (more to come)
6 performances (more to come)

Marching Band – 2 Full-Day Competitions
Morning rehearsals
Marching drill learned
Music memorized
Finished with 2nd & 3rd place rankings

Homecoming - Pep Rally
Homecoming parade
Pep band

Veterans Day – 3 songs performed, 2 pieces learned for this program.

Winter Concert – 3 pieces learned.

This doesn't even include what these students do OUTSIDE OF BAND!!!!

These students have been preparing music all semester for different events and this winter concert is another chance to show your support to their dedication to music, the band, the school, and the community!