

# MARCH NEWSLETTER

## Febuary and March in Review

### SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Every year, students in band have the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities at Solo and Ensemble contest. The high school students were scheduled to travel to Chamberlain on Feb. 20 for the Region V Solo & Ensemble contest. However, Mother Nature had other ideas and Parkston had to withdraw from the event.

Although the high school students were not able to travel, they will still be able to perform their pieces at the 5-8 Parkston Solo & Ensemble contest on March 7. That night, every student participating in band displayed his or her abilities in front of an adjudicator. 21 of the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students received a I-rating and 6 of the high school students received Superior rating, both are the highest the students can earn.

### LARGE GROUP CONTEST

The next performance opportunity for the students was a month later on March 20 in Mitchell at the Region V Large Group Contest. This year, all 7-12 students participated in the event. The student prepared and performed 2 pieces for the adjudicators, Ave Verum Corpus (by Mozart) and Fireball! (Not by Pitbull). After a great performance, the students were able to work with one of the adjudicators and get some feedback from someone new.

If you are thinking, "oh man, I wonder how those songs sounded", do not worry you have another chance to hear them at our Spring concert on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to come hear these students perform these pieces at a high level!!

## Important Dates

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** – Drumline Performance  
Pancake Feed @ 11:00 am

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** – Elementary Concert  
5&6 Grade band performance

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Concert  
7-12 Band & Choir performance

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** – Pops Concert  
5&6 Band, 7-12 Band & Choir, Special Performances

**May 18** – Graduation  
7-12 Band & Choir performance

**June 9-13** – Band Trip to Orlando, Florida