

The Parkston Marching Trojans had a busy September and beginning part of October.

To start, the Marching Trojans traveled to Parker, SD, and competed in the Parker Pheasant Marching Festival. We were the first school to perform in class B and made a great first impression earning us 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 5 bands competing in the class!

Next on our schedule was Parkston homecoming. This was a busy day by itself, beginning with pep band at the pep rally, performing the parade show for the k-12 student body, marching the parade, and ending with pep band at the football game.

It was busy but a great day to showcase the hard work of all of the students in the ensemble.

The end of our marching season came on Oct. 5 in Chester, SD. It was a cold day but we made it through and with a great outcome. We were the 25<sup>th</sup> band to compete in the parade, and we were up against 10 other schools in our class! There was a bit of suspense after the parade with scores being lost, but we later found out our placement. We took 3<sup>rd</sup> in our class of 11 bands!!

This marching season was an improvement from last years and now we are looking to make future seasons even better. Stay tuned!!

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Oct. 11 – Volleyball Pep Band 6:45 in the PHS Band Room

Oct. 17 – End of 1st Quarter

Oct. 16 - Volleyball Pep Band 6:45 in the PHS Band Room

Oct. 22 - Volleyball Pep Band 6:45 in the PHS Band Room

Oct. 23 – Part-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 26-27 – All-State C&O Rapid City, SD

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day Program



## WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

## **Music Outside of Band**

Special recognition goes to 2 band members that continue to excel in music outside of the band room. Congratulations to Kim Weber and Madison Zwinger for both being selected to perform at All-State Choir & Orchestra in Rapid City on Oct. 26-27. This will be Kim's 4<sup>th</sup> year and Madison's 3<sup>rd</sup> year participating at this event. At this event, students from all over the state come together for 2 days, rehearse, and put on a phenomenal performance!

## 5-12 Band?

The band is about to get bigger. On Nov. 9th Parkston High School will have their Veterans Day program in the high school armory. During this program both the choir and band performed their respected piece. This has not changed, but this year the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th grade band students will get the opportunity to perform with the 7-12 band. To begin the program the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will perform the Star-Spangled Banner alongside the 7-12 students. This will be a great experience for these young musicians and for the community.

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