

WEST BEND BANDS



Excellence with Pride – DECEMBER 2016

A Busy Winter!

Congrats to everyone that had a part in the Winter Concert this week. It was a great success. We anticipate another great performances this spring.

Looking forward, we'll have quite a few co-curricular group performances in these winter months. Here is a rundown of what is to come...

January 14th: Slinger Jazz Fest (WB3 performs)

February 16th: WB Rock and Jazz Fest (WB3, PULSE, Badger Jazz, Badger Alternative Rock, and Silverbrook Viking Attack perform)

February 28th: Chamber Music Concert

March 4th: Admirals Game Performance (Brass Wind and Fire!)

WSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival

This year the Solo and Ensemble Festival will be held on March 18th at Port Washington High School. We will begin the process of preparing our soloists and ensemble groups for this event before winter break.

For those of you who are new to the festival, Solo and Ensemble is a regional event where musicians perform music written for a soloist or small group of musicians in front of a contest judge. Judges are typically professional musicians or music teachers with a background on each different instrument group. Judges provide valuable feedback to participants and score their performance. Students who receive a 1* rating on an A class solo (the most difficult of the three classes) will be invited to participate at the state level event held on May 6th.

**Participation in S&E is required for Wind Ensemble members. This is not a requirement for Symphonic or Concert Band though it is highly encouraged.

S&E Policy Changes

We ask that our students only approach a class A solo once they've scored a 1 on a class B solo in a previous year. Also, in order to be enrolled in the festival, all of our musicians must first complete a Solo and Ensemble lesson with a director prior to February 1st.

We've made these changes to ensure the success of all students participating and reduce the number of dropped events after the registration deadline. Once committed, students are expected to clear their schedule and attend on 3/18. Being asked to work is not an acceptable excuse for missing Solo and Ensemble.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/22

BWF Game
Christmas Spirit
Day (6:15
report)

12/23

Winter Break!!!

1/6

BWF Game
Twin Spirit Day
(6:15 report)

1/10

Greece Trip
Rehearsal
(7:00)

1/12

BWF Game
Hawaiian Spirit
Day
(6:15 report)

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Good luck and have fun! This is a very rewarding and enriching experience.