

about *our* bands

CONCERT BAND

- Premier auditioned ensemble, comprised of 105 juniors and seniors. Conducted by Paul Kile.
- Performs in a fall concert (Oct. 26), Winter Jubilee Concerts (Dec. 11, 12), Pops Concerts (Feb. 19, 20, 25, 26 27) and a spring concert (May 22) as well as the Lake Conference Band Festival and Large Group Contest.
- Concert attire for most performances will be tuxes provided by school.
- Tours every other year, usually to an international destination.

VARSITY BAND

- Audition ensemble, comprised of 95 students from all grades. Divided into two sections, but performs concerts as a single ensemble. Conducted by Andy Richter.
- Performs in Carnival Concert (Oct. 24), Winter Concert (Dec. 14), March Concert (Mar. 15) and Spring Concert (May 17).
- Concert attire is LADIES: black shoes, black dress pants or below-the-knee skirt or dress. MEN: black pants, black jacket, black dress shoes/socks, white collared shirt. We provide black bow ties.

SYMPHONIC BAND

- Non-audition ensemble, comprised of 149 students from all grades. Divided into two sections, but performs concerts as a single ensemble. Conducted by Paul Kile.
- Performances include a winter concert (Dec. 14), a March concert (Mar. 15) and a Spring Concert (May 17).
- Concert attire is: LADIES: black shoes, black dress pants or below-the-knee skirt or dress. MEN: black shirt, black pants, dress shoes/socks. May wear a black suit with white shirt and dark tie.

MARCHING BAND

- Comprised of all high school band members from the Concert, Varsity, and Symphonic bands.
- Runs from August to mid-October.
- Performs at home football games and a variety of school, athletic, community, and music events, including homecoming parade, the State Fair parade, and the district opener.
- Conducted by Andy Richter, assisted by Paul Kile.
- Tours every other year; whatever year the Concert Band does not tour. The marching band will tour to San Diego in December.

PEP BANDS

- All bands will be divided into pep band groups and assigned to play at girls and boys basketball and hockey games, all Edina regional championships and state tournament games (as long as Edina continues to win!)

JAZZ BANDS

- Consists of two Jazz bands, Jazz 1, conducted by Paul Kile, and Jazz Too, conducted by Andy Richter.
- Each band rehearses once a week before school and performs in various concerts during the year.
- Auditions for Jazz 1 will be held in the fall. Jazz Too is open to all interested students.

BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP: Band families are invited to support our students and staff through monetary donations. Your support can help in many different ways: guest conductor visits, instrument master classes, offset cost for equipment repair and purchase of instruments, senior recognition and student awards, concert performance support of publicity, programs, choreography, costumes, music, and technical support. A donation form is available on our band website at www.edinabands.com click on Parents.

COMMUNICATION:

Band Website: Be sure to check out the band website for updates, reminders, calendars, concert details, booster membership, forms, fundraising details, photos, tour info, and much more! www.edinabands.com

Weekly Band-o-Grams: Band families receive a weekly email with details of what's coming up in band. If you haven't received any band-o-grams this summer, contact Martha Lundquist at martha.lundquist@edinaschools.org to be included on our email list.

INSTRUMENT RENTALS: Students who are using school instruments will be asked to make their rental payments online by going to your parent SchoolView account. Commonly rented instruments are bassoon, bass clarinet, bari sax, horn, baritone, tuba, and percussion. Check with Mr. Kile or Mr. Richter if you have questions.

VOLUNTEERING: There will be many volunteer opportunities throughout the year (ushers, fundraising, tickets, silent auction) We'll let you know where help is needed in our weekly band-o-grams.