

BAND DAYS PARENT MEETING

Elk River High School Bands John Rosner – Director of Bands

Elk River Band Program Basics:

All Students must have the following:

A quality, working instrument along with needed accessories and cleaning maintenance materials.
1 band polo and 1 pep band pullover
Black dress shoes and black socks.

Wind Symphony Men must have a tux shirt for the concert attire

Concert Band personnel must have black slacks or skirt for concert attire.

When you need to be here:

Concerts are indicated on the Calendar. Graduation is a required concert on June 8th.

MSHSL Contests are indicated on the calendar for each group.

Solo/Ensemble Contest is required for Wind Symphony; Concert Band has this as an option.

What other options are there for students in the ER Band Program.

Honor Bands – St. Olaf, Winona, All-Conf, All-State, UMD, CMBDA, MBDA 9-10 All-State, etc.

Jazz Bands – Elk River Black and Elk River Red Jazz Bands. They meet on alternating mornings before school. Pit Orchestra for the spring musical, Pep Band (on calendar), chamber ensembles and band tours.

Pep Band Requirements:

Homecoming – Everyone is required. This year it is on Sept 29th. 3 pm to 9 pm

2 Winter Pep Bands – You may choose which.

Recommended - Pep Band Blast Night – Dec 8th - this can be one of your 2 pep bands.

Band students are expected to participate in all State Tournament play.

All students must have their pep band pullovers on to receive credit.

Performance Ensembles

There are many musical opportunities outside the band hour that student musicians should consider taking advantage of. The primary ones are the jazz bands, which meet before school from the end of September through the end of April, the pep band and the pit orchestra for the spring musical. There are auditions for the musical and jazz band, which are notified beforehand in our calendar. Another option for students is through one of our many chamber ensembles as there are many times throughout the year that the performance opportunities present themselves including the solo/ensemble contest in March.

Calendar

Please take this opportunity to add the erband.org Google calendar to yours as there are many things happening throughout the year and it makes a difference if you are aware of what your child might or might not be involved in. Please take the time to carefully consider when you take family vacations as band is a group activity and for most events we do there really is no substitute for being there. The rest of the band relies on your son/daughter being there. If there is a conflict, be sure to notify Mr. Rosner as soon as possible.

Band Boosters

Our band boosters program helps our program run efficiently. Without the work of parents many opportunities and options wouldn't be available for our students. Our band boosters meet at from 6:30 pm to 8 pm on either the 1st or 2nd Tuesday or Thursday of the month. Check with the erband.org schedule. Your presence is welcome at any meeting.

Tours

The jazz program will be traveling once again this spring to play at the Eau Claire Jazz Festival. This is planned on being a 3-day event, leaving on Friday after school and returning mid-day on Sunday. Chaperones will be requested for this tour. Chaperones travel for free.

The Elk River Band Program will be touring in the spring of 2019. Information for us to choose our destination will be given out in the fall. If you think you'd like to go to a place like New York or Orlando with a bunch of your friends, start planning and fundraising. There will be a need for chaperones for the trip.

Fundraising

Fundraising helps our program function through the purchase of instruments and students have money in their band accounts if they raise or deposit money. The schedule for fundraising events is in the online calendar and is updated regularly.

Website

The erband.org website offers a plethora of information about the entire program and is updated regularly. Our concert posters are posted on the main page. Feel free to copy and paste them to help promote our program. The more support we can help gather for these hard working musicians, the better they will feel appreciated and supported in our own community. Contact information is included on the website as well as updates about our upcoming tours and latest adventures.

Remind

This is the greatest app since the sliced bread app! For text reminders and to know what's going when there are quick changes have your son/daughter sign up for the texts from Mr. Rosner. It's simple and there is no catch. It's made for educators and no information is sold or exchanged. Here is the number: **612-260-4362**

Class	message to send
Concert Band	@ercb
Wind Symphony	@erws
Red Elk	@redelk
Black Elk	@blackelk

Handbook

The band handbook needs to be read and acknowledged on the last page. It is the fine print of our program. Included in it are the expectations during the year for your son/daughter. **The final page is to be signed and returned to the band office by September 8th.** Information about the schedule, grading, travel, instrument requirements, classroom expectations and options outside the band day are included in the handbook.

Donations

We are always seeking funds to better equip our students. It is no secret that music departments require money to be updated and fresh. There are instruments here that are on the bottom of my rental list that need replacing. We are looking to find ways to purchase new equipment. If you work for a business that offers non-profit donations, matching donations or grants please consider the Elk River Band program as a great place to invest.

PLEASE VISIT US AT WWW.ERBAND.ORG