

7th and 8th Grade Band News

- ★ **Thank you** to the students who have been taking their instruments home to practice! Even just a few minutes of practice at home each week helps students to gain confidence on their part. We also have a DHS Practice Club that meets during 9th Period on Wednesdays. This is an opportunity for students to stay in the Band Room and practice their instrument with a friend and/or get extra help from Mrs. Irwin. Students earn a reward for attending 5 Practice Clubs!
- ★ **NYSSMA Solo Festival at Webster CSD:** Several students expressed interest in performing a solo at the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Solo Festival at Webster CSD on April 26 or April 27. This date will be finalized once student registration is complete. If your student signed up, they received a permission slip that needs to be returned to Mrs. Irwin by Friday, March 8th, 2024. No late permission slips will be accepted. This is an excellent opportunity for your student to prepare and perform a solo in front of a judge and receive feedback! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me!

Upcoming Events

- ★ **Spring Concert:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 6:00pm
- ★ **NYSSMA Solo Festival at Webster CSD:** Friday, April 26, 2024 OR Saturday, April 27, 2024 (TBD upon student registration; select band members only)
- ★ **Dogwood Parade:** Saturday, May 18, 2024, 5:00pm
- ★ **Memorial Day Parade:** Monday, May 27, 2024, 10:00am
- ★ **Darien Lake Music Competition:** Friday, May 31, 2024, All Day

9th Period Activities

- ★ **Mondays:** Make-Up Lessons (Students have 2 weeks from the missed lesson to make up a lesson)
- ★ **Tuesdays:** Jazz Band
- ★ **Wednesdays:** DHS Practice Club
- ★ **Thursdays:** Extra Performances Practice (NYSSMA Solo Festival preparation, etc.)



🎵 7th and 8th Grade Band Calendar of Events 🎵 2023-2024

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DCSD Music Festival: Monday, June 3, 2024, 6:00pm