



Haslett Public Schools

Haslett Happenings Around the District

from the desks of...Michael Larsen and Kristin Carpenter (Haslett Band Directors)

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District DEI Leadership Team

Applications for 2024-25 will be open through May 8, 2024

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to access an application.

Upcoming Calendar Events

April 20

MSBOA MS Band Solo & Ensemble
HS Prom (8-11 PM)

April 22

Board of Education Meeting (6 PM)

April 23

Wilkshire Kindergarten Round-Up
Parent Meeting (6:30-7:30 PM - PAC)

April 25

Kindergarten Round-Up

April 26

Kindergarten Round-Up
Murphy Grade 5 Greenfield Village Trip
Ralya Mileage Family Night (6-7 PM)

April 27

MS Vocal Solo & Ensemble

April 29

Kindergarten Round-Up

May 2

Choir New York Trip
Band Boosters (6 PM - MS Media Center)
Ralya Ukulele Club Recital (3 PM)
Wilkshire Family Fun Night (5:30-7:30 PM)

Come Join our Band Family!



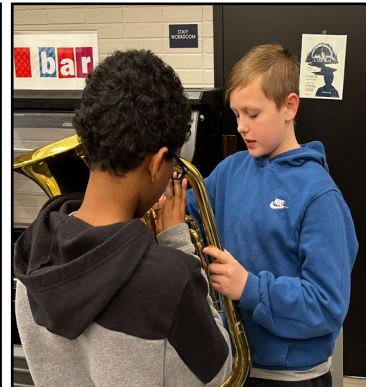
Why Band? Recent statistics show that young people who participate in music are among the academically strongest in their schools. Music education supports success through brain development in every subject. Self-discipline, teamwork, persistence, and performance confidence are just a few of the characteristics your child will develop through Band!

Just recently, both Middle and High Schools Bands participated in the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association's District Band Festival, and all bands received a 1st Division rating! We also sent 27 High School band students to the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association's State Solo & Ensemble where everyone earned a 1st or 2nd Division rating. We are very proud of our band students for their hard work and dedication this year.

As our Middle and High School students are preparing for their spring concerts, Middle School band students are also preparing for the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association's District Solo & Ensemble Festival at Onsted Community Schools on April 20, 2024. There will be 50 events participating in this year's festival. Our students are extremely excited to perform as soloists or in small ensemble groups for an adjudicator, and we are looking forward to celebrating our band students' achievements this year.

As our 8th grade students are preparing to join the Haslett Viking Marching Band this fall, we are recruiting for next year's 6th grade beginning band. Just recently, at our Instrument Petting Zoo, 60 Middle School and High School band students visited Murphy and Ralya Elementary Schools to demonstrate their instruments, answer questions, and share their excitement. Additionally, 5th grade students had the opportunity to hold and play various instruments at our Instrument Fitting Day.

We welcome all students to try one of the most exciting and rewarding educational ventures our school has to offer — **Band!**



The "Music Teacher Switch Day!"

What do you do when two teachers can teach all the grades, K-12? Well, you switch them, of course! Mr. Larsen, Middle and High School Band Director, and Mrs. Voris, Music Teacher at Ralya, will be switching jobs for a day this spring. We are calling it the BIG "Music Teacher Switch Day!"

Mr. Larsen spent ten years teaching early childhood music at Wilkshire (nine years in Kindergarten and one year in First grade). He's ready to tune his guitar and warm up his nursery rhymes with Ralya's 2nd-5th grade students. This switch gives him the chance to work with students he had years ago and is also a great recruitment opportunity for the band. When the kids experience, and remember, Mr. Larsen's kind and fun personality, they will be running to play the tuba. Can you hear those oom-pa's already!? Mrs. Voris has also taught and conducted a wide range of ages (people aged 4 years- 91 years old, to be exact!). Having the switch day will give her a chance to sharpen her baton and work with her prior elementary students in a new setting.

The "Music Teacher Switch Day!" is a win-win for both the teachers and the students. And, with the change of hats and a dash of enthusiasm on both sides, I have a feeling it just might become a yearly tradition! - *Mallory Voris (Music Teacher at Ralya Elementary School)*

10 REASONS TO JOIN BAND

WE HAVE LOTS OF FUN
WE DO FUN FUNDRAISERS AND FIELD TRIPS
WE PERFORM AT THE SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY

WE MAKE NEW FRIENDS IN BAND

WE ALL SUPPORT EACH OTHER
WE CAN BE CREATIVE AND EXPRESS OURSELVES

WE DEVELOP LOTS OF SKILLS FOR COLLEGE AND FOR LIFE
IF YOU JOIN BAND YOU GET TO STAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS ALL YEAR LONG

YOU BECOME A PART OF A FAMILY!