

DCSD Music Notes January 2025

Hello! Each month during the school year, our PreK-12 Dansville Music Department will be sharing with you a newsletter, so you are aware of what we are learning and performing in our classrooms and to also share with you important dates, reminders, etc. Please reach out to any of us if you have any music related questions or concerns!



PreK - 2 Music | Mr. Lopez | lopezn@dansvillecsd.org



Our students at DPS have been making plenty of music! This month, we took a look at a brand new song, Frog in the Meadow and each grade has been learning different musical concepts, like beat, dynamics, tempo, ostinato, composition, and many more. Students have been playing many instruments, and each grade just started a brand new unit! We can't wait to share what we have been working on with you!



EBH (Grades 3 - 6) Music and EBH Chorus | Mr. Lopez | lopezn@dansvillecsd.org



Our students at EBH have also been hard at work. Our 3rd and 4th graders began to explore meaning found in the lyrics of songs, figuring out the main ideas of the words and any lessons that are expressed. Our 5th grade students have begun learning about theatre. They have started learning about different shows and the important components of a production. Our 6th grade students have just begun a unit on music in our everyday lives, understanding what makes songs "stuck in our head" through music from advertisements, movies, video games, and other common places we hear music. Our 5th and 6th Grade Chorus just performed their winter concert and did a fantastic job! Thank you all for coming to support your students! 4th grade chorus is continuing to work on concert music, as well as focusing on musical concepts like music literacy through solfege and practicing our dynamics and phrasing!

EBH Band (4th Grade Beginning Band and 5th and 6th Grade Band) Mrs. Bell | bellm@dansvillecsd.org

January was a busy month for our 5/6 band musicians. These students worked very hard over the past three months to prepare for their Winter Concert and Elementary All-County. The EBH 5/6 Winter concert was performed on January 16 with the EBH Band, Chorus, and small instrumental ensembles performing. Every student put forth their best effort and made our first concert of the year a big success. January 24th and 25th held another kind of performance opportunity for ten members of the 5/6 band. Ten students were chosen to participate and perform with over 100 of their county peers. They were given four challenging pieces to practice and they rose to the challenge to put on a wonderful performance! Congratulations everyone! I look forward to the next three months as we prepare for our Spring Concert in April!



7th and 8th Grade Band/7th Grade General Music | Mrs. Irwin | irwine@dansvillecsd.org



Our Holiday Concert season is behind us and 7th and 8th Grade Band students are hard at work preparing and practicing for our upcoming Spring Concert (April 9th) and Spring Parades (May 16th and May 26th). Rhythm is a top priority in the band right now and we are working on being better sight readers, especially when it comes to reading specific rhythms. 7th Grade General Music has started their ukulele unit! They are doing an outstanding job! So far, they have learned the C, F, G7 and a minor chords.

9th - 12th Grade Band/Drumline/Music Exploratory Class | Ms. Johnson | johnsonj@dansvillecsd.org

The 9-12 Concert Band hit the ground running this month in preparation for the Spring concert on April 9th, 2025. Students are working on new rhythms such as quarter note and eighth note triplets. The 9-12 Drumline had a week of African Drumming circles with composition, improvisation, and listening games. Music Exploratory enjoyed working on adding sign-language to simple tunes.

7th - 12th Grade Chorus/Music Theater Director | Mrs. Buckel | buckell@dansvillecsd.org



On January 24th and 25th, 9 students attended JH All-County Chorus at Warsaw High School. Those students were: [Back Row, left to right] Lyla Brown, Nathan Hall, Elijah Jennings, Joslyn Morrow, Kylie Guild and [Front Row, left to right] Lily Conroy, Seth Mosman, Payton Freas and Elianna Woodard. We are so proud of them and their hard work to achieve this honor!

Mark your Calendars! Our Musical, Shrek the Musical will be going up on March 14th, 15th and 16th. The cast has been working hard learning dance, music, and blocking while our fantastic interior design and theater classes have built and created our sets. We hope you will come to see the show!

Our High School chorus has been steadily working on learning the music for our spring concert. The difficulty level has increased significantly from the winter concert as they work to learn pieces in Latin and Hindi as well as beautiful harmonic progressions and difficult rhythmic sections.

