

7th and 8th Grade Band Newsletter

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7th and 8th Grade Band News

- ★ I am so proud of our 8th Grade Drumline Students! They were invited to perform at the Dansville Dance Academy's Spring Recitals and they did an outstanding job!
- * Also, congratulations to the students who performed a solo at the NYSSMA Solo Festival at Wayne CSD on Friday, May 2nd! All students received a high score on their solo and we are so proud of their work!
- ★ Parade Season is upon us! Please be on the lookout for notes home and emails from me with important information concerning the Dogwood Parade (May 17th), Memorial Day Parade (May 26th), Darien Lake Music Festival (May 30th) and the DCSD Music Festival (June 2nd). As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding these events, please let me know. Please check out the back of this newsletter with information concerning the Dogwood Parade and the Memorial Day Parade.

Upcoming Events

★ Dogwood Parade: Saturday, May 17, 2025, 5:00pm

* Memorial Day Parade: Monday, May 26, 2025, 10:00am

★ Darien Lake Music Festival: Friday, May 30, 2025, All Day

★ DCSD Music Festival: Monday, June 2, 2025

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: JH Drumline



Dogwood Parade: Saturday, May 17, 2025

Times

4:15pm: PERCUSSION ONLY: Get percussion equipment from school (enter in the back entrance of school)

4:30pm: EVERYONE: Arrive at Liberty Street near Main Street in Parade Dress (see below) with instruments (out of the case)

5:00pm: Parade begins

Approximately 6:00pm: Arrive back at school for parent/guardian pick up and sign out (we will meet parents at the back of the 7-12 building; please park in the stadium parking lot).



Memorial Day Parade: Monday, May 26, 2025 🚞



Times

9:15am: PERCUSSION ONLY: Get percussion equipment from school (enter in the back entrance of school)

9:30am: EVERYONE: Arrive at Family Dollar in Parade Dress (see below) with instruments (out of the case)

10:00am: Parade begins

Approximately 10:45am: Memorial Day Ceremony at Williams Park (Clara Barton Street)

Approximately 11:15am: Arrive at Williams Park for parent/guardian pick up and sign out. PERCUSSION STUDENTS: You must have your parent/quardian drive you back to school so you can put your percussion equipment back in the 7-12 building. Parents, please drive around to the back of the 7-12 building and someone will be there to let you in.

Parade Dress

- Black Pants (no wind pants, capris, leggings or sweatpants)
- 7th and 8th Grade Band Polo Shirt (students received these from Mrs. Irwin in September to borrow for the school year; will need to be turned in for inventory by 6/6/25; do not wash these at home)
- Comfortable, black sneakers or shoes
- Please wear hair pulled back away from your face.

Concert/Parade Attendance

Attendance at all concerts and parades is mandatory. Nothing can replace the experience of a performance. As a performance based class, our concert/parade is the culmination of months of work. Only sickness or a family emergency is an acceptable excuse for missing a concert/parade. All students with an unexcused concert absence must complete a project designated by the band director.