



Trenton Bands Open House



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Open House Agenda

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Program Overview

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5th Grade Band

- Class Meets 7:30am-8:15am @ Hedke before winter break, Anderson after winter break. Students are bused back to their own school.
 - M/W: Brass
 - Tu/Th: Woodwinds
 - F: Everyone

AMS Band

- 6th/7th/8th Concert Bands, Jazz Band, Music Time, String Theory (Guitar), Jazz Improvisation
- Concerts, Solo & Ensemble, District & State Band Festivals, community events.

THS Band

- Concerts, Solo & Ensemble, District & State Band Festivals, community events.
- 2 Concert Ensembles, 1 Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band, Pit Orchestra



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Attendance & Participation

- Supplies - Have your method books, instrument, music, pencil, and other equipment
- Arrive to class with your part prepared
- ****Schedule conflicts & resolution****
 - Performance/Game > Rehearsal/Practice

Practice Requirements

- 30 minutes 3-4 times per week.
- S&E? Schedule your practices with ensemble members in advance
- Need help? Talk to your band director!

Code of Conduct

- Rehearsal/Concert Expectations on next page



Policies & Procedures

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Class/Rehearsal Protocols

- Be in class and rehearsal
- Arrive with your part prepared
- Ensure you have the tools to help you learn (instrument, reeds, pencil, music, valve oil, etc.)
- Don't be disruptive

Performance Protocols

- Arrive at the announced "student report time" or "call time"
- Review concert etiquette (don't talk during performances, behave appropriately)
- Reach out about time conflicts early



Parental Involvement

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Volunteer Opportunities

- Events/Fundraisers
 - Invitational, Jazz Cafe, Football Games, Competitions, Festivals
- Band Boosters! (More info on next slide)
- ****Jazz Band Donuts****
 - ~\$40 every Wednesday morning rehearsal until 3rd quarter

Communication Channels

- ParentSquare
 - Primary form of communication. Required by Trenton Public Schools!
- Email:
 - Mr. Day (AMS): dayf@trentonschools.com
 - Mr. Cook (THS): cookt@trentonschools.com
- Arthurs Band Webpage: ams.trentonschools.com/arts/music
- Facebook: [Arthurs Middle School Bands](#)

Musical Support at Home

- Encouraging regular and focused practice with dedicated space
- Private lessons
- Musical opportunities beyond the classroom (Blue Lake, Interlochen, DYPAC, etc.)

Trenton Band Boosters

What are the Boosters?

- Organization that provides support to the Trenton band program...
 - Financially by organizing fundraisers to help pay for instruments, equipment, and opportunities.
 - Logistically by helping to organize events such as the invitational, band camp, and many others.

How can I get involved?

- Attend monthly booster meetings
- Make a donation of your time or money
- Attend and support events
- [Sign up to volunteer](#) at the Trenton Marching Invitational!

Where can I get more information?

- trentonbandboosters.org
- [Trenton Band Boosters, Trenton MI Facebook Page](#)
- [Band App](#)

AMS Bands Important Dates 1

September 17, 2026 <i>Thursday</i>	TPS Bands Open House - 6:30pm
September 19, 2026 <i>Saturday</i>	Trenton Marching Invitational - 2pm 7th & 8th Grade Bands
September 25, 2026 <i>Friday</i>	MS/HS Football Crossover - 6:45pm 8th Grade Band
October 22, 2026 <i>Thursday</i>	Deadline for S&E Registration 7th & 8th Grade Band Students
October 27, 2026 <i>Tuesday</i>	Halloween Concert 7pm 7th & 8th Grade Bands
December 5, 2026 <i>Saturday</i>	Trenton Christmas Parade 7th & 8th Grade Bands
December 15, 2026 <i>Tuesday</i>	Winter Concert 7pm 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Bands

January 16, 2027 <i>Saturday</i>	MSBOA MS Solo & Ensemble Festival 7th & 8th Grade Band Students
February/March, 2027 <i>Date to be determined</i>	MSBOA MS Band & Orchestra Festival 7th & 8th Grade Bands
March 18, 2027 <i>Thursday</i>	TPS Get Involved Fair - 5:30 Jazz Band & Student Ensembles
March 2027 <i>Date to be determined</i>	Downriver Music Guild Jazz Clinic Jazz Band
April 19, 2027 <i>Monday</i>	Rev'd Up Fun 6th & 7th Grade Bands
Spring 2027 <i>Date to be determined</i>	Jazz Café Jazz Band
April/May 2027 <i>Date to be determined</i>	MSBOA Band Fest 7th & 8th Grade Bands

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May 3, 2027 <i>Monday</i>	Paul Keller Orchestra - Zal Gaz Grotto, Ann Arbor - 7pm Jazz Band
May 10, 2027 <i>Monday</i>	5th/6th Spring Concert - THS Auditorium - 7pm 5th & 6th Grade Bands
May 11, 2027 <i>Tuesday</i>	7th/8th Spring Concert - THS Auditorium - 7pm 7th & 8th Grade Bands
May 29, 2027 <i>Saturday</i>	Trenton Memorial Day Parade 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Bands
June 2, 2027 <i>Wednesday</i>	Arthurs Porch Picnic Concert - AMS 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Bands, Jazz Band
June 7, 2027 <i>Monday</i>	8th Grade Promotion Ceremony - THS Auditorium - 7pm Jazz Band

Next Steps!

Communication

- PLEASE make sure you are aware of announcements sent over ParentSquare!
 - Read every message carefully and thoroughly.
- Reach out with questions as early as possible!

Communication

- Add the band calendar to your family calendar!
 - On our webpage: ams.trentonschools.com/arts/music

Thank you!

- I know that band is a huge commitment for parents. I greatly appreciate the time and energy you put in to get your students to rehearsals, performances, and other events. Our program would not exist without you!

Questions?

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