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Band Updates for January 2025

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Welcome back Forte Band! We're excited to begin the new semester with you! Sectionals will begin the week of January 13th - please check the band calendar for your child's sectional time. This semester, we will begin sending newsletters out monthly instead of weekly, highlighting everything you need to know, but not overflowing your inbox with emails. If we have specific updates, we'll send those out as needed - because of this, please be sure to read our emails in their entirety.

In the third nine weeks, our primary focus will be preparation for UIL and our solo contest. We will also begin utilizing Canvas to hear recorded assignments.



Solo Contest

All students will play a solo at our upcoming solo contest on March 1st. Students have the option to play with a live pianist for an additional fee of \$40. This provides two rehearsals plus the performance. We'll need to know who is playing with the live pianist by Friday, January 17th.

The solo contest will run from 9 AM - Noon. If you have a specific scheduling need, please let Mr. Marin know by Friday, February 21st. Once the schedule is published, we will not be making any changes. Specific times are granted on a first come, first served basis.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 11th

- UIL Side-By-Side @ Azle HS

Thursday, February 27th

- Pre-UIL (uniform required)

Saturday, March 1st

- Forte JH Solo Contest

April 1st - 2nd

- UIL

April 14th - 25th

- JH band placement evaluations

Saturday, April 26th

- North Texas Festival of Distinction

Thursday, May 8th

- Spring Concert

Saturday, May 10th

- Ensemble Contest

Friday, May 16th

- Main Event trip (optional)
 - must be academically eligible and be in good financial standing with the band.

Tuesday, May 20th

- 2025/2026 band registration



Left: Mr. Woolhouse after being pined by our top earners in the fundraiser. We had a fun evening and each band played beautifully.

Top & Right: Wind Ensemble members enjoying lunch at Palio's Pizza during our Elementary Winter Tour before the break. They played at all 4 feeder elementary schools.

- Sign your child's practice log weekly. Practice logs are due on the first day of the week and will be returned once grades are entered into the gradebook. 100 minutes total required.
- Students will have a weekly performance test during their sectional. Their grade will be recorded on their practice log by a director.
- We will be sending out updated band invoices. You can pay band fees through Revtrack. If you feel like we've made a mistake on your invoice, please email Mr. Woolhouse.

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