

## RELATED ARTS

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC

Happy December and welcome to concert season!

#### **DATES TO KEEP IN MIND**

Middle School Chorus Concert: December 15

Middle School Band Concert: December 20

The first concert of this year will be the middle school chorus concert on Thursday, December 15. Students are to report to the chorus room at 6:30 and the concert will begin at 7:00. For the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders if your student is playing the role of a pirate they should wear jeans or black pants, and an oversized solid colored, preferably with no writing on it, not green t-shirt. They should also wear a belt over their t-shirt to cinch it and a bandana as headwear. If your child is an elf they should wear black pants or jeans, a belt to cinch the green t-shirt I will be providing, and they are welcome to wear Santa/elf hats. To ensure everyone is ready to give their best performance please ensure that your child is continuing to practice their dialogue! For the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders they should wear jeans or black pants with a red shirt, or their Glee cheerleader costume.

On Tuesday, December 20 the band students will be having their concert. Students are to report to the band room at 6:30 and the concert will start at 7:00. Please do your best to be on time as that will be the one opportunity the students will have to rehearse many of their songs as the entire ensemble they will be performing with. Students are to wear black on the lower half of their body and white on the upper half with boys also wearing a tie. The concert will start with the jazz band performing 3 songs. It will then continue with the 7+8 band performing one song by themselves, followed by 3 more with which 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will join them as appropriate to the difficulty of the song. To ensure everyone is ready for their best performance please continue to encourage your student to practice a minimum of 100 minutes per week.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming concerts please email [ebreither@hwporter.org](mailto:ebreither@hwporter.org).

## TECHNOLOGY

Students in grades 1 and 2 have been working on their typing skills. We have used websites such as abcya.com, kidztype.com and typing.com. Each of these sites uses fun games to help the students practice and improve their typing. Grades 3 and 4 have also been working on improving their keyboarding skills too. They have used the same websites as the younger students but at a more intense level. In addition, these third and fourth graders have been learning about creating documents in Microsoft Word. Students are becoming proficient in cutting, copying, pasting, as well as changing font styles and colors and aligning text. Lastly, the seventh graders began creating documents in Word and are now starting to work on spreadsheets in Excel. They will work a variety of Excel projects, and then proceed to lessons on using PowerPoint.

Grades 5 and 6 are establishing or enhancing their skills in the Microsoft office suite of tools while grade 8 and Tech Extension classes are working on a choice of programming in Scratch, designing 3D parts in Tinker CAD or learning to build working models and actually operate the in-house 3D printer.



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