

November 28, 2016

Dear Fifth Grade Band Parents,

The fifth grade band has made incredible progress this year and is ready for their first concert on **Wednesday, December 14, 2016** at Hackett Catholic Prep! The concert will include performances by the Hackett Jazz Band, the CSGK 5th Grade Beginning Band, and the Hackett Concert Band.

Fifth grade band students at St. Augustine and St. Monica join together to form the Fifth Grade Beginning Band. *For the success of the band it is crucial that students attend the dress rehearsal as this is the only opportunity to play together before the performance.*

Student Report Time and Location

Report time for dress rehearsal is **6:00pm** to classrooms 68 and 72 where students will store their coats and instruments. Please plan to arrive no later than 5:55pm so students can make it to their room. *“To be early is to be on time.”* Please do not drop off students prior to 5:30pm since there will be no adult supervision until that time.

Students should enter the building through Entrance 8 (the foyer) by the lower parking lot. Before arrival students will need to have had dinner, be wearing concert attire, and have their instrument and music book. *Leave valuables at home.* Students are not allowed to have electronic devices during dress rehearsal and the concert.

Concert Attire

Students should arrive to the dress rehearsal wearing their concert attire. *There will not be time to change between dress rehearsal and performance.* To make the band look its best students are to wear the following attire for all band performances (unless otherwise specified):

Boys

White button-down dress shirt or polo
Black dress pants
Black dress shoes (no sneakers)
Black socks

Girls

White dress shirt or blouse
Black dress pants or knee-length skirt
Black dress shoes (no flip flops or sandals)
Black socks or black/beige nylon

Hair

Please have students with long hair wear it back and away from the face

Notes for Parents

Family and friends attending the concert should enter through the lower parking lot doors marked as Entrance 8. The auditorium is located upstairs on the left. *Auditorium doors open at 6:45pm.*

Students will sit together in the audience to listen to the other bands perform. Being their first performance, fifth grade band is the “guest of honor” on this concert. Fifth graders will gain a vision of what they can accomplish in a few short years, and high school students and parents will encourage our band program’s newest members. *The concert is planned to conclude by 8:00pm.*

Finally, we need six parents to chaperone the dress rehearsal, preferably three from each school. Chaperones need to be available at 5:30pm up until the concert at 7pm. If you are willing and available please email me.

This concert will be a memorable evening of music making and I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

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