

# This week in Band

[What's on the Calendar?](#)

Welcome back! It is so good to see everyone in person again!

Thurs, Jan 7 - Symphonic Band chair placement auditions  
Fri, Jan 8 - Symphonic Band chair placement auditions  
Mon, Jan 11 - Concert Band chair placement auditions  
Tues, Jan 12 - Concert Band chair placement auditions  
Thurs, Jan 14 - GLBPA General membership meeting, 7:00  
Feb 15 - 21 - Solo & Ensemble participant videos submitted

## **Band PPE Protocol**

All students that play a wind instrument must use their individual Band PPE each time they participate in class. The specially constructed masks allow playing while wearing a facial covering and the bell covers help limit the amount of aerosols that are generated while playing. New wind instrument students should see Mrs. Stark for their face mask and bell cover. Percussion students wear face masks of their choosing.

Band masks must be washed at home after two days of wearing at school; students should take them home on Tuesdays and Fridays. We recommend hand washing with mild soap and allowing the mask to air dry. Please remember to bring PPE back on the next in-person school day!

The masks have been labeled with a waterproof paint pen that should last through multiple washings. Students should see Mrs. Stark if a mask needs to be re-labeled. Bell covers should remain on the instruments and do not need to be washed weekly.

We are grateful to the Gull Lake Schools Administration for the purchase of industrial air purifiers for our Band and Choir rooms! The purifiers add an extra layer of protection for students and staff and are a welcome addition to our PPE protocol.

***For the safety of all, students who do not have their Band mask and/or bell cover for class will not be allowed to play their instrument and will not receive participation points for that day. Students who lose their Band PPE will be responsible for purchasing their own replacement pieces. Unfortunately, we do not have loaner pieces available. Please see Mrs. Stark to order.***

## **How can you reach us?**

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## **It's time to Hibernate!**

Have you started to **Hibernate** yet? A recording of the kick-off meeting for the GLBPA Hibernate Sheets fundraiser can be found on BAND. There you will find out how to set up an individual "Pop Up Store" that will track each student's orders, and information about the products available from Hibernate Sheets. Our group ID is 6780 when setting up an individual account.

This is an on-going fundraiser - products can be purchased throughout the year (and new sheets make great gifts!)

Start your sales - and your earnings - today! Each set of sheets sold by a student earns credits toward their GLBPA trip account.

## **What is a "trip account"?**

A trip account is an individual student account of credits earned through specific GLBPA fundraising opportunities. Accounts are maintained by the GLBPA Treasurer. In addition to designated GLBPA fundraisers, volunteer hours spent in the fall sports concession stand contribute credits to a student's account, which can be used as payment toward a future Disney trip or most marching band fees. Trip account credits previously applied to the 2021 Disney trip and subject to refund will be applied back to the student's account per the Disney trip refund policy. These credits may be used to pay for next year's marching band fees, with the exception of apparel, or applied to the next Disney trip. Per GLBPA policy, if a student graduates without using any or all of their trip account credits, the remaining credits transfer to a younger sibling in the Band program. If there is no younger sibling, trip account credits transfer to the GLBPA Director's Scholarship fund; IRS regulations do not permit cash payouts of trip account credits.

**Please note that trip account credits are different from the direct payments made by parents for the Disney trip or marching band fees, and are subject to different usage and refund rules.**

**Disney refunds are proceeding! We will keep you updated as we work through the process. Thank you for your patience as we take the next steps toward issuing refund checks and rescheduling the trip.**