

This week in Band

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.

What's on the Calendar?

Mon, Feb 1 - No students - parent teacher conferences by appointment, 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00

Tues, Feb 2 - full day of classes for students - parent teacher conferences by appointment, 5:00 - 8:00

Feb 15 - 21 - Solo & Ensemble participant videos submitted

What are chair placement auditions?

Chair placement auditions have been completed for both the Symphonic and Concert Bands. But what exactly are auditions? The auditions held these past two weeks are for chair placement in the band that a student is currently assigned to. All students auditioned using the same music and were assessed using a standard rubric. Mr. Burris placed students in their section, based on their strengths. Throughout the trimester, students may "challenge" a classmate for a higher chair placement; more information will be announced in class. Students will not switch bands this school year based on their chair placement audition performance. The band they are currently assigned to will be the band they remain in for the remainder of the school year.

Auditions for placement in next year's Symphonic and Concert bands will take place later in the spring and will include the current 8th graders at the Middle School.



Disney refunds are proceeding! Thank you for your patience as we work through the lengthy process with the Central Administration to issue refund checks. If you have any questions about your refund, please send an email to Mr. Burris or Mrs. Stark.

A reminder: GLBPA trip account credits applied to the 2021 trip will be returned in the specified percentage to the student's GLBPA trip account and may not be refunded by check.

It's time to Hibernate!

Have you started to **Hibernate** yet? The GLBPA Hibernate Sheet sale is an on-going fundraiser; products can be purchased throughout the year (and new sheets make great gifts!) Each set of sheets sold by a student earns credits toward their GLBPA trip account. With online ordering and payment, and delivery directly from the manufacturer, the Hibernate Sheets fundraiser is an easy, contactless way to help the GLBPA earn the funds that benefit the entire GLCS Band program.

Coming in February -- Watch this space for information about the next exciting GLBPA fundraiser!

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