

# Mead High School Bands



## DOWNBEAT

### Updates & Announcements

10/29/2018

Hey Band!

1. Great job at the Longmont Halloween Parade! We had some amazing costumes and a ton of great feedback about MHS participating in this event.
2. Our Chick-fil-A Spirit Night is this evening at the Longmont location. Anyone that orders and pays with the CfA app, or pays using the CfA app between 5:00 – 8:00 PM will contribute to our fundraiser. They recommend you download the app ahead of time.
3. Holiday Gala Small Ensemble Auditions are today and tomorrow during lunch and after school. The signup sheet is on the Choir doors.
4. All-State Jazz Band Auditions are due November 9<sup>th</sup>, but our goal is to submit audition recordings and payment by the end of this week since the payment process is out of our hands. Detailed information for Jazz students can be found in the Schoology Jazz Course.
5. The Longmont Veterans Day Parade is Saturday, November 10. We will bus from Mead HS at 9:45 AM (please arrive by 9:15). The parade steps off at 11:11 AM. Lunch is provided by one of the rotating organizations (VFW this year?), we are still waiting for someone to get back to SVVSD Fine Arts to let all of the bands know where to go. We plan to bus to lunch, and then return to MHS around 2:00 PM or earlier. We will wear uniforms for this parade.
6. The Mead HS Veterans Day Assembly is scheduled for Monday, November 12. Concert/Symphonic Combined will perform “America The Beautiful” and “*Prestissimo*” during the assembly. Please dress up for this event (concert black/white **not** required).
7. The 2019-2020 Coursebook should be available by the end of the week or early next week. You can access the Band Course Videos, descriptions, and flowchart in the “About” section of the MHS Bands Website: [MeadHSBands.com](http://MeadHSBands.com)
8. The recommended practice time at home is:
  - a. Beginner (1 year experience) 20-30 minutes a day/5 times a week.
  - b. Intermediate (2-3 years experience) 30-45 minutes a day/5 times a week.
  - c. Advanced (4-5 years experience) 45-60 minutes a day/5-6 times a week.
9. Congratulations to Tanner Strong! Tanner will be representing Mead HS at the Combined League Honor Jazz Band on November 13. Tanner earned a spot as the lead trombone and will get to work with Dr. Markley from the University of Wyoming.
10. The Music Department is currently working on the program order for the Holiday Gala. Everyone is needed both nights for the combined piece, but a detailed and precise concert order is TBA. (December 4 and 5).
11. To prepare the combined piece with Choir and Orchestra, we will hold a Full Music Department Dress Rehearsal on Thursday, November 29 from 2:30 – 4:00 PM.
12. The Marching Band will participate in two holiday parades: December 1 in Mead, and December 8 in Longmont.