

Mead High School Bands



DOWNBEAT

Updates & Announcements

11/5/2018

Hey Band!

1. MHS Football is in the playoffs! We will be performing at the game THIS Saturday after the Veterans Day Parade. A couple of notes about this football game:
 - a. We **WILL** be in the stands/bleachers for this game!
 - b. Choir will take care of the National Anthem in case we are late getting back from the parade.
 - c. We will play in the stands all four quarters, but we will not perform a halftime show. Expect to play a lot while we are in the stands.
 - d. **Please contact Mr. Lemons ASAP if you have a conflict with this performance.** *Football players are not expected to march in the Veterans Day Parade, and will not need instruments since we are not performing a halftime show.*
2. Longmont Veterans Day Parade, THIS Saturday. 9:15 AM arrival at Mead HS. Buses depart at 9:45. Full uniforms (no feathers). Please have Washington Post March memorized. *Football players are exempt from this performance due to Playoffs.*
3. Because we are trying to return from the Vets Day Parade before Kickoff, we will **NOT** be attending the lunch at the VFW. Please bring a sack lunch to eat when we return from the parade before marching down to the football game.
4. 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).
5. Juniors and Seniors should consider auditioning for All-State. The live auditions are held at Longmont High School on November 28. Students need to let Mr. Lemons know ASAP if they would like to audition so a time slot can be reserved. Slots run from 8 AM – 10:30 AM.
6. 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.
7. 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).
8. 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.
9. The Marching Band will participate in two holiday parades: December 1 in Mead, and December 8 in Longmont.