

# Jackson Center Bands

## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, May 2nd 7:30 pm
  - Spring Concert (Grades 5-12 plus Jazz Band)
- Monday, May 13th 6 pm
  - Outdoor Jazz Concert (HS Jazz Band) Elementary Playground
  - Featuring Guest Group: The Fountainaires Big Band
- Friday, May 24th (All Day)
  - Band/Choir Cedar Point Trip (HS Band)
- Monday, May 27th (Times TBD)
  - Memorial Day Performances (HS Band + Current 8th Grade)
- Sunday June 2nd (Time TBD)
  - Community Days Parade (HS Band)



## End of Year Reminders

- If you need any instrument materials (reeds, valve oil, cleaning swabs, etc.) Order now so that they can be delivered to the school with free shipping before the end of the school year. (If ordered from Rettig or Kincaid's)
- If there is anything not working right on your instrument let Mr. McPherson know ASAP!
- HS Only: Make sure to get all Cedar Point money turned in by the end of April.

## QUESTIONS?

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## 5th Grade Band

Our newest band members are rocking it! They have been learning their first full pieces of sheet music and are doing amazing. I am very excited to see how much they grow by the Spring Concert. Keep up the fantastic work, 5th graders!

What to Practice at Home:

- Focus on proper posture and instrument assembly.
- Practice long tones to develop a clear, consistent sound.
- Review finger placement exercises to ensure accuracy.
- Review parts to our three concert pieces: "Summer is Here", "American Spirit March", Song #90 (Essential Elements Book)

## 6th Grade Band

The 6th graders are gearing up for their upcoming spring concert. They've been polishing their sound and are excited to showcase their progress. I am excited to share the growth that they have made in this semester!

What to Practice at Home:

- Continue practicing long tones and scales for a warm, even sound.
- Work on assigned music, focusing on tricky sections and articulation markings.
- Use a metronome to improve rhythmic accuracy when playing individually and with the group.
- Review music theory basics like note names and rhythms.
- Practice Concert Music: "Song of the Telegraph", "Bean and Figgy", "The Legend of Boudica"

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## Junior High

The Junior High Band recently had 5 members participate in the Shelby County JH Honor Band that took place at Anna High School. Congratulations to those who participated! 8th graders coming into high school next year will be fitted for Marching Band Uniforms. Drumline Auditions will take place after the Spring Concert.

### What to Practice at Home

- Practice parts slowly and deliberately, focusing on dynamics and phrasing.
- Utilize a tuner to ensure proper intonation (playing notes in tune). There are free apps for your phone that can help you tune.
- Record yourself practicing and listen back to identify areas for improvement.
- Work on Concert Music: "Casey's Last Run", "A Shaker Hymn", "Puff the Magic Dragon"

## Jazz Band

The Jazz Band has been working on their tunes for the Spring Band and Outdoor Jazz Concerts. They have been listening to and transcribing (writing out by ear) tunes and then learning how to play them together. We are also planning on doing some more vocal numbers as well. Please make plans to check out our outdoor concert on Monday May, 13th at 6pm. The concert will be at the Elementary Playground on the Basketball court. Please bring your own chair for seating as there will be none provided.

## High School Band

The High School Band is busy practicing for our Spring Concert. We will also be recording music for Graduation. There are still many events left with Memorial Day Parades, Community Days Parade, and our Cedar Point Trip!

### What to Practice at Home:

- Practice all assigned music with focus and attention to detail.
- Isolate challenging passages and work on them individually before putting them back together.
- Listen to professional recordings of the music you're playing for inspiration.

# Photo Gallery

