



BMS Band Concerts

UPDATE FOR 2024/2025

Concert dates still need administrative approval (waiting to get confirmation on avoiding athletic conflicts from the athletic director), but these are the tentative dates:

- Homecoming: **October 18** (8th grade & high school)
- Fall Concert: **October 29th** (6th-12th)
- 5th Beginning Band: **November 7th** (only trimester 1, 5th graders)
- Winter Concert: **December 12th** (6th-12th)

- 5th Beginning Band: **February 27th** (only trimester 2, 5th graders)
- Joy of Music: **May 10th** (5th-12th)

I am looking to add another concert date mid-spring semester for all grades - currently communicating with JAS to see if there might be a fun performance opportunity outside of school, but I have not confirmed that date/location yet.

Student Information

Where to Go When students arrive at BMS for concerts, students take their instruments to the GYM. They will put their instruments together in the gym, close up the case, and then eat some food or enjoy the other grades' performances. They will then take their put-together instrument to the band room to warm up while the grade before them is performing. Then they will make their way to the stage. After their grade's performance, they will head back to the gym to put their instrument away. Please make sure your son/daughter has their name on their case!!!

Attire

All Middle School Students

Black Basalt Band t-shirts, BLACK dress pants or skirt/dress (no jeans, no pajama pants, no sweatpants, etc), BLACK dress shoes, and BLACK socks.

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High schoolers will wear concert black.

Information for the Audience

- Food will be sold before/during the concert as a fundraiser for the Band Boosters starting at 5:30 p.m. that will be available in the cafeteria before and throughout the concert. The cost is \$5 a plate and \$1 for desserts, so bring your appetite and come early.
- Please remember that these students have worked very hard to put on a great performance for you! Your enthusiastic applause really means a lot to them. Remember to show your appreciation after each performance!
- The auditorium doors will open at 6:20pm. I apologize that we can't open them earlier. Please don't try to sneak in prior to 6:20. The pre-concert warm-up times are crucial for each band to get organized and focused before the concert. Having parents sneak in and out is a disruption to our warmup.
- The auditorium doors will be closed during each grade's performance. No one will be permitted to enter the auditorium while a band is performing as it is very disrespectful to the students on stage and the rest of the audience. You will be allowed to enter/exit in between each grade.
- Please remember to bring your best concert etiquette! This means no talking during performances, turning your phone OFF, not getting up and moving around during performances. These students have worked very hard and deserve our respect and attention!
- Please keep your children under control. We have had problems in the past with kids (band and non-band members) running around the school before/during/after concerts. Let's pull together as a community to make this a night when we respect the performers, each other, and our school!
- Please realize that our auditorium is essentially brand new! Do not put your feet on chairs and there should be NO FOOD, DRINK, OR GUM in the auditorium. We have waited a long time to have our auditorium renovated and we need to keep it nice and clean for a long, long time.

Please contact me with any questions. The best way to reach me is by email at cdavis@rfschools.com

Other Performance Dates

There are a number of optional honor bands and other performance opportunities that I will encourage many students to participate in. These take place all throughout the year, and I will share the specific details of these events as they arise (they typically require an audition).

- Northwest Honor Band: **November 10th & 11th**
- Best of the West: **December 8th & 9th**
- Honor Jazz: **February 3rd**
- Solo & Ensemble: **February 16th**
- Middle School Honor Band
- Large Group Festival: **April 18th**