

**PEARL CITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MUSIC PERFORMING ARTS LEARNING CENTER**

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move cautiously during this pandemic. Music is an important social and emotional activity for students and we are grateful that they continue to do music during this time. We know financially this may have been a struggle for many of our parents, so we have kept our band costs to a minimum and have paused fundraising. We know that reeds, mouthpieces, private instruction, and other music costs are essential to the students so we hope that our efforts have helped all our families.

As we move closer to December, we would like to keep you informed of a few things.

**Uniform** – Over half of our band members are new to the program and getting our formal concert uniform has been difficult. We anticipate that we will be able to get them in the spring, however to accommodate our winter concert, we have decided to ask that the students wear our white polo shirt and black pants. If your child is in marching band, this would be our football game uniform. In the spring we will provide you information for our formal concert attire and where you can purchase it.

The uniform consists of the following:

- 1) White Band Polo (**Purchase through Mr. Kamei \$25.00 if you don't have one**).
- 2) You may also borrow from former students or siblings if they are the same size).
- 3) Black Long Pants (SLACKS; Please no black jeans, athletic pants, or leggings).
- 4) Black Socks
- 5) Black Shoes (Leather Shoes, ALL BLACK, marching band shoes ok)

**Concert Date & Audience** – Our concert date is scheduled for Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7pm in the Pearl City Cultural Center. We are operating under the assumption that we WILL be able to have an audience. We will have to adhere to the State, DOE and City and County COVID-19 rules. The concert will also be recorded for viewing later. We will be asking for an admission of \$5.00 so we can ensure that we continue many of the band's current activities.

**Band Classes & Rehearsals** – As COVID case numbers have dropped, we are convinced that we can rehearse indoors safely. **We will begin to rehearse indoors at the auditorium (PCCC) starting Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.** This will allow the entire group to rehearse at once so we can finally play as a full group. The auditorium will also allow us to distance larger than we are able to in the bandroom. We will have the following protocols in place:

1. Mask wearing at all times
2. Air purifiers in the room
3. Social distancing of at least 4 feet (3 feet is the current DOE recommendation)

With these three protocols in place, we are confident that this will maximize learning and music making while minimizing transmission risks.

We would also like to have afterschool rehearsals for the bands. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

**SYMPHONIC WINDS (Period 2)**

2:45 – 4:00 PM

Monday, Nov. 15

Monday, Nov. 22

Sunday, Nov. 28 (3 – 5pm)

Sunday, Dec. 5 (~~3 – 5pm~~)

Time Change: 2 - 3:30 pm

**SYMPHONIC BAND & CONCERT**

**BAND (Period 4 & 6)**

2:45 – 3:30 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Wednesday, Nov. 24

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Wednesday, Dec. 8

We hope you will be able to join us for the first concert for our bands in over 2 years. The students have been adapting quickly and moving forward during this time. We want to thank everyone for their time, patience, and trust. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming concert!

Sincerely,

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