



BRAINERD BAND

HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Symphonic Band Parents and Students,

Welcome back to another great year in the Brainerd Band department! Mr. Fogderud and I trust that your summer has been restful and relaxing, and also hope that you were able to play on your instruments at least a *little*! We have a great year planned, including four concerts, solo & ensemble contest, large group contest, pep band, homecoming show and parade, and of course our trip to Los Angeles! Below is a list of all of the performance dates for the year (excluding pep band), please mark these dates on your calendar as each student is expected to attend each performance.

As we near the beginning of the school year, now is a great time to stop in at Bridge of Harmony, or Eckroth Music to have your instrument looked over and to pick-up any needed supplies. Musical instruments, just like cars and other precision mechanisms, should be looked over each year to larger, often more costly, repairs in the future. Listed below you will also find a list of recommended supplies for each instrument. The most important supply being the method book that we will be using this year **Sound Innovations: Ensemble Development for Advanced Concert Band** (for most instruments the cost is \$8). Now is also a good time to check your **concert attire** (same for all bands, **Men**: black pants with black socks, black dress shoes, black long sleeve button up shirt with a black tie. **Women**: floor length black dress or black pants with a black blouse with at least $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves). Check now to make sure your clothes still fit, don't wait for concert night!

2014-2015 Performance Dates

Sep 27 Homecoming Parade and Pre-game	Apr 22 Large Group Contest (All-Day)
Oct 30 Fall Concert (7:30 pm)	Alexandria
Dec 11 Holiday Concert (7:30 pm)	May 15 Spring Concert (7:30 pm)
Feb 4 Solo& Ensemble Contest (All Day)	May 25 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony
Alexandria	(8am - 12pm)
Mar 2 Winter Concert (7:30 pm)	Jul 4 Fourth of July Parade (8am-12pm)

Supplies

Sound Innovations: Ensemble Development for Advanced Concert Band*

Lyre (holds pep band music) - Flute, Trombone, Tuba, and percussion **do not** need a lyre.
Reeds

Blue Juice (valve oil)
Slide 'O Mix (trombone slide mix)
Percussion - Fully stocked stick bag (snare sticks, yarn mallets, rubber mallets)

* The book does come in parts (1st CL, 2nd CL etc.) please purchase the part that you primarily played last year. This will not influence placement this year.

Most of all welcome back, we are very excited for this year and to share it with all the great students in the Brainerd Band!

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