

TWIB NOTES: 4/20

VIDEO MESSAGES

• Dr. Obado TWIB Message: <u>https://youtu.be/rvyYJdpxIZI</u>

ALLEN ESCADRILLE HYPE WEEK (APRIL 20-24)

Hype week is almost here. All the information presented at Hype Week is intended on being shared on whatever social media platforms you use. We want you to be excited and SHARE the excitement we have planned for next year! Let's kick the week off with Band Council campaigns and voting! Voting begins today and ends on Wednesday. See below.

2020-2021 BAND COUCIL BALLOTS (DUE WED, APRIL 22)

Please click the link below for official campaign materials as well as the ballot to cast your vote. You will need your student.allenisd.org account to access materials and ballot. While the official campaign materials are here, candidates can continue campaigning over their social media accounts. Allen ISD does not monitor or endorse any candidates and their personal social media accounts. The official materials linked below have been viewed/vetted/filtered by AISD faculty. Good luck everyone!

<u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/10XUyTskvRWK31VPrYMjgKdHM7aG-x4KDDNRNZ69yj7o/edit?usp=sharing</u>

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

2020 Senior's: we want to put you in the spotlight! Fill out the Senior Shout Out Form, <u>https://forms.gle/DGvxkw3Gvi9ou2CD6</u> by answering some fun questions and send a senior picture to <u>publicrelations@allenband.com</u>. Please make sure the picture is just of your senior and include their name. We will spotlight them on social media. Follow us ABBA Facebook (Allen Band Booster Association), ABBA Twitter (@AllenBand) or ABBA Instagram (@abba_allen.eagle.escadrille) to see our amazing Escadrille Senior's!

ALLEN ISD CAMPUS FACILITIES CLOSED THROUGH MAY 22 - WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR BAND?

- <u>At-Home Learning</u> will continue through the last day of school. All AHS/LFC band classes will continue the same format of submissions through Learning Focus #1: Performance Studies and Learning Focus #2: Responding to Music. All materials are due by 11:59pm on Sundays and the new assignments are updated every Monday for the week's assignments on Canvas.
- <u>Band Events</u> such as concerts, festivals, contests, and meetings have been canceled through May 22. We are planning on postponing and rebranding banquet to a later date (which may be in the summer). Rather than the typical banquet format, we are planning a free event like a band picnic held at school or at on off-campus park. The Allen Band Boosters will provide food and games free of charge for all band families.
- <u>Turning-in concert uniforms, band folders, instruments</u> will be a challenge. The district is working with all faculty and organizations on future turn-in dates. Everyone still has concert uniforms, instruments, accessories (mutes, music, etc), and band folders checked out to them. We also need a

day for students to clean out lockers. We will communicate the pertinent information once we establish a date and procedure.

- <u>The summer band calendar</u> will still be official since all summer dates are after May 22. The early summer events (leadership, percussion camps) are still on the calendar unless we have further campus closures. We will continue to postpone and edit the summer calendar as we continue to receive updates from Allen ISD.
- <u>Auditions and ensemble placements</u> are continuing as planned. Audition music is due in Flipgrid by 11:59pm. Students will be assigned to their Fall Ensembles on later than May 15th. We will work with guidance counselors updating class periods as necessary. We will send out Advanced Music Information Sheets the week of May 11th for those students interested in Advanced Music.
- <u>Leadership selections</u> are continuing as planned. We will have drum majors selected and band council elected this week. We will finish the rest of the SLT selection process with the possible announcement of SLTs on the May 10th TWIB Notes.

APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Due to the current circumstances, the ABBA April General Membership Meeting will be held virtually. An email went out to members on Tuesday, April 14. If you have received this, read it and voted, thank you. If not please look for it. If you have any questions email, <u>president@allenband.com</u>.

ARENA SCHEDULING BEGINS THIS WEEK FOR JUNIORS (CLASS OF 2021)

Arena schedule begins this week for juniors. Sophomores will begin next week. Some notes for all students regarding the Arena Scheduling process:

- If you signed up for band on your interest sheet last December, you are locked in a band class on Arena scheduling. See the third bullet if you need to change your schedule.
- If you did not sign up for band on your interest sheet last December, you should not have been locked in a band class. Unfortunately, some guidance counselors locked some students in a band class even if you did not sign up for a band class. See the third bullet if you need to change your schedule.
- **IF YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR SCHEDULE**, please click the Arena Scheduling Help Ticket (in arena scheduling) to communicate if you are intending on being in band or not next year.
- Students are locked into a 1st period band class, 2nd period class, 5th period class, or 8th Period class. These assignments were based on the results from your auditions in the fall (2019). We will switch your band classes and assign the proper teacher to you after we process this semester's auditions.
- Advanced Music: Arena Scheduling will not reflect Advanced Music for anyone. We will send out an information sheet signing up for Advanced Music at a later date this semester. You can sign up for Advanced Music if you end up in 1st, 2nd, or 5th period band classes.
- STEAM/DUAL CREDIT CONFLICTS
 - This gets complicated, please e-mail Dr. Obado if you need clarification.
 - o There are two kinds of conflicts
 - (1) Direct conflict with the scheduled class. This means there is a STEAM/Dual Credit course that meets at the same period as a scheduled band class.
 - (2) Class conflicts with before school rehearsals (non-marching band). This means that there is as STEAM/Dual Credit course that meets during the same time as a Wind

Ensemble/Wind Symphony/SYM 1/SYM 2/Varsity Percussion before school rehearsal/sectional.

- We will work with you and your schedule only if the STEAM or Dual Enrollment course does not have another section that meets at a different time.
- If there is another section of your STEAM/Dual Enrollment course that conflicts with your assigned band class, then you need to take that alternative section to avoid the conflict.
- Most, if not all, STEAM/Dual Enrollment classes have different sections that will not conflict with a band class. If you refuse to take the alternative STEAM/Dual Credit class:
 - If you choose the STEAM/Dual Enrollment course over a 1st period band (and before school rehearsals), you will be assigned an 8th period band.
 - If you choose the STEAM/Dual Enrollment course over a 2nd/5th period band (including before school sectional time), you will be assigned a 1st or 8th period band.
 - If you choose STEAM/Dual Enrollment over a 2nd period class (Wind Ensemble), you will be assigned a 5th period class (Wind Symphony). If you choose STEAM/Dual Enrollment over a 5th period class (Wind Symphony), you will be assigned a 1st period class.
 - If you choose the STEAM/Dual Enrollment course over an 8th period band, you will need to make a choice between band and your STEAM/Dual Enrollment course. You will not be scheduled into a 1st period band. PLEASE NOTE: there will be multiple sections where you will not have a conflict with an 8th period band class.