

TWIB NOTES: 5/4

SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

 <u>Virtual Ensemble</u>: All senior band and guard students are invited to participate in a Virtual ensemble that will record the Fight Song and School Song set to release on May 22nd – Graduation! We are looking for 100% participation – it won't be difficult. Materials are due at 11:59pm this Friday, May 8. Please open the folder here for all instructions and materials: https://drive.google.com/open?id=14YGAKaxrknop5EZpbrB-Vg84pCBWn_Ak

Senior Spotlight: Fill out the Senior Shout Out Form, https://forms.gle/DGvxkw3Gvi9ou2CD6 by answering some fun questions and send a senior picture to publicrelations@allenband.com. 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!

REVISED SUMMER SCHEDULE (AFFECTS PERC, GUARD, SLTs)

We are removing percussion and leadership camps in May. In addition, we are adding July events for guard and percussion sections to make up for possible lost early summer camps. SLTs will meet in person as scheduled in July, but will move to a virtual platform the week of May 25th (schedule TBA). We are looking to have some sort of virtual meeting for all new SLTs in place – more on that next week. **The Full Band summer schedule has not changed as of today**. Scroll down or go to <u>www.alleband.com</u> for the latest Summer Band Schedule.

JAZZ BAND AUDITIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY

You can still get in one of the Jazz Bands next year! Varsity Jazz will meet during 7th Period while Junior Varsity Jazz will meet on Monday afternoons until 5:00pm. There is an easy Flipgrid audition if you would like to be a part of Allen Jazz next year. If you are interested, please scroll below or link to the jazz information here: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uRDafLrqiz1wMO8pukRd-</u>XpMr4usmgnY/view?usp=sharing

FALL 2020 ENSEMBLE ASSIGNMENTS & SLT LIST RELEASED NEXT WEEK

We will be finishing up the Fall ensemble assignments and SLT selection process this week and will release results in next Sunday's TWIB Notes. Note for those students that are not currently enrolled or did not turn in an audition – you will not be placed in an ensemble. If you enroll or turn in an audition after we release the ensemble results, you may or may not be scheduled into a band class at the discretion of all the band directors.

ABBA MEMBERSHIP

ABBA Members can now renew their membership for the 2020-2021 year. Simply go to <u>www.allenband.com.membership</u>. If you are currently a member please renew your membership. If you are not, we welcome you to join.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ABBA is still looking to fill board positions. Open positions include 2nd VP Ways and Means, 3rd VP Logistics, 6th VP Student Specialties. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions please contact president@allenband.com

We also need volunteers to serve on committees in the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in serving on a committee go to, <u>https://www.allenband.com/content.aspx?page_id=2664&club_id=207916</u>

AT-HOME LEARNING

Please continue with your At-Home learning assignments. This is the format of all your classes until the end of the academic calendar. A few things:

- You must submit something IN CANVAS for every assignment. If you submit a recording in Flipgrid, you must also log into Canvas and type the response "I submitted my assignment in Flipgrid on this date and time." Failure to submit the statement in Canvas will result in an incomplete and potential zero activity report.
- You must be submitting work in all of your classes. You can still fail the fourth quarter for poor or incomplete work FOR ANY OF YOUR CLASSES.
- If you did not pass 1st semester or 3rd quarter, failing the 4th quarter may result in not earning credit for the year or semester.
- If you fail the 4th quarter, your GPA will remain untouched, but your academic records will reflect failing the 4th quarter. This goes for all your classes.

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 most likely happen the week of May 18-22. We will have more information on this next week.
- <u>The summer band calendar</u> has been changed slightly. We have made the decision to take off May percussion events off the calendar. We are adding events in July for colorguard and percussion. The Full Band Summer schedule has not changed. Please see attached Summer Calendar with the 5/4/2020 version on it.

Allen Eagle Band

Summer Band 2020 (Updated May 5, 2020)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| July 12 | 13 Colorguard Camp 8:00am-4:00pm Open Percussion Practice (Optional): Time TBA | 14 Colorguard Camp 8:00am-4:00pm Open Percussion Practice (Optional): Time TBA | 15 Colorguard Camp 8:00am-4:00pm Open Percussion Practice (Optional): Time TBA | 16 Colorguard Camp 8:00am-4:00pm Open Percussion Practice (Optional): Time TBA | 17 Colorguard Camp 8:00am-4:00pm Open Percussion Practice (Optional): Time TBA | 18 Mandatory Percussion Auditions Time TBA |
| 19 | 20 Student Leadership Team (SLT Training/Work Day 8:00 a.m 4:00 p.m. Percussion Camp 8:00am-4:00pm | 21 Student Leadership Team (SLT) Training/Work Day 8:00 a.m 4:00 p.m. Percussion Camp 8:00am-4:00pm 9 th Grade Meeting 7:00 p.m. Band Hall | 22 Student Leadership Team (SLT) Training/Work Day 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Percussion Camp 8:00am-4:00pm | 23 Percussion Camp 8:00am-4:00pm | 24 Percussion Camp 8:00am-4:00pm | 25 |
| 26 Lunch is from 12-1 each day of camp. Students may leave for lunch or bring it with them to eat on site. | 27 EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. SLT: 3:30 p.m 4:00 p.m. | 28 EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. SLT: 3:30 p.m 4:00 p.m. SOCK HOP: 6pm-9pm | 29 EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. SLT: 3:30 p.m 4:00 p.m. | 30 EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. SLT: 3:30 p.m 4:00 p.m. KICKBALL: 6pm-9pm | 31 EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Escadrille Fan Fest Call Time: 6:00 p.m. Return Time: 8:00 p.m. | August 1 Escadrille Registration AHS-PAC All Day |
| 2 Please note that ALL rehearsals and performances are considered required unless otherwise noted. | 3 EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. | 4 EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. | 5 EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. | 6 EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. | 7 EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Premiere Show 7:00 -8:00 p.m. | 8 |
| 9 Don't forget to visit: <u>www.allenband.com</u> for the latest calendar and updates. | 10 EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. | 11 EVERYONE – New Time Band & CG Camp 1:00 p.m 6:00 p.m. BAND PICTURES | 12 Start of School NO REHEARSAL TODAY | 13 EVERYONE Morning Practices Begin 7:00 a.m. Sharp! | 14 EVERYONE Morning Practices Begin 7:00 a.m. Sharp! | 15 |

INTRODUCTION

Welcome aboard and thank you for your interest in being apart of the 2020-21 Jazz Band at Allen High School. The Allen Jazz Band students are a close-knit special group of students who simply love playing for the enjoyment that jazz brings. Our groups play a vast array of genre in jazz band: Swing, Dance, Funk, Rock, Blues, Fusion, etc. If you enjoy this music then you will enjoy playing in jazz band.

GROUPS

There will be two jazz bands next year at AHS which will meet at different times. The Varsity Jazz Band will meet during 7th period and the Junior Varsity Jazz Band will meet on Mondays after school until 5:00PM.

The Varsity Jazz Band will be an elite group which consist of the following:

- 5 Saxophones
- 5 Trombones
- 5 Trumpets
- 1 String Bass
- 1 Pianist
- 1 Guitar
- 2 Drummers
- 1 percussionist/Mallet

The Junior Varsity Band will consist of the same instrumentation but possibly more.

AUDITION PROCESS - DUE MAY 8 @ 11:59pm.

The Audition flipgrid process will be as follows:

- 1) Introduce yourself and say why you would like to be in jazz band: <u>https://flipgrid.com/14314d88</u>
- 2) Record the first-half of Jazz Etude 1 (Swing) on this flipgrid link: <u>https://flipgrid.com/3931f3dd</u>

Jazz Band Etude Audition Links

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vWsqN1ZyFHMs_9oUm55E3wQhb50BktTPYS98wM_3qK I/edit?usp=sharing

3) Optional - Record the Call and Response on this flipgrid link: <u>https://flipgrid.com/2dc18cb2</u>

Call and Response Accompaniment Track: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/10_XRBRESxz5INAIoeV94d1uhAQlt3zCe/view?usp=sharing</u>

Again, thank you for showing interest in the 2020-21 Jazz Band at Allen High School. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me Mr. Daniels at <u>Antonio.Daniels@Allenisd.org</u> or Dr. Obado at <u>Philip.Obado@allenisd.org</u>.

Until then, take care, stay safe as I am looking for ward to hearing your Jazz Band Audition.