



November 16, 2023

Dear JH Band Parent,

Tis the season for some awesome holiday music! I am excited to present to you and your family the talented students of the Yoakum ISD band program in their first concert of the year! The YISD Winter Concert will take place on Sunday, December 10 in the Yoakum High School Auditorium.

YJH Beginning Band and YJH Concert/Symphonic Bands

- 2:15PM YJH Beginning & Concert/Symphonic Bands arrive YJH Band Hall
2:30PM Beginning Band Seated on stage
Concert/Symphonic Band Seated in YJH Band Hall
3:00PM Junior High Band Concert Begins
Beginning Band and Concert/Symphonic Band students are dismissed after the Concert/Symphonic Band perform, but are encouraged to stay for the HS Band concert. All JH instruments must be returned to the JH Band Hall at this time.
3:45PM YHS Band seated in YHS Large Band Hall
4:00PM High School Band Concert Begins

Beginning Band Rehearsal: We will have a mandatory Beginning Band Rehearsal on Thursday, Dec. 7. This will be our ONLY opportunity to have all classes together before the concert!

This is an exciting day that no one will want to miss! Attendance at the concert and rehearsal (Beginning Band) is mandatory and is part of your student's grade. Each student plays a very significant part in our band and we must have 100% participation to be successful!

Uniform: All Students may wear a Santa hat or other holiday accessories!

All JH Band Students – 2023 Band t-shirt, dress code appropriate blue jeans (NO HOLES!), shirt tucked in and belt.

All HS Band Students – Dress clothes. No shorts or tshirts.

Phones: Please encourage your child to leave their cell phone at home. We have had problems in the past with students texting or otherwise using their phones during the concert. All phones will be collected during warm-up and returned at the end of the concert.

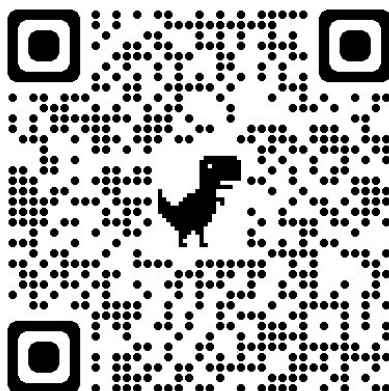
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Cookie Walk: It is time for cookies! At the Cookie Walk you can purchase a box or tin and fill it with all the cookies that will fit! There will also be other holiday treats for sale. If you volunteered to make cookies, please plan to have your cookies at the band hall by the end of the day on Friday, December 8. If your cookies are delivered in a container, please label it so that we can return it to you after the concert. Cookies should be labeled with type and CLEARLY marked if they contain peanut butter, nuts, or any allergens. You can also earn ½ fundraising credit by working a shift in the cookie booth. Scan the QR code below to sign up!

IMPORTANT! If you would like to receive ½ of a fundraising credit you must follow these instructions:

- 1) 2 dozen cookies (Homemade please, not store bought)**
- 2) Cookies clearly labeled with type and if they contain nuts**
- 3) Cookies clearly labeled with STUDENT name.**

Volunteer to help: We could really use your help on concert day! We need help getting students ready for the concert and moving them from the JH to the HS and back. We also need help with our cookie walk table. The good news is, you will not miss a minute of your child's performance by volunteering! All volunteers will earn ½ credit for their child. Please scan the QR code and sign up to help!



Thank you for all the support and encouragement you continue to show your child and their music education. We look forward to seeing your family at the concert! Please do not hesitate to contact one of the band directors if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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