



This week in the Coleman Bands:

Happy New Year and welcome back, Coleman Bands! This week, we eased our way back into the New Year with lots of sight-reading and new music. We'll be exploring lots of new music for the next few weeks as we establish our spring concert programs, learn new concepts, and prepare for both Solo & Ensemble and Large-Group Contest, both coming up in April. It's going to be a great 2017!

Announcements & Reminders

- **Our website has a new addition -- a "Song of the Week" column!** Each week, Ms. Shuman will post a link to a concert band, jazz band, or other piece of music that you might not have heard before. You can find it on the homepage of our website at www.colemanbands.weebly.com!
- 5th Grade Band students will return to having small-group lessons from now until the end of March. You can find your 5th-grader's lesson time [here](#).
- All **band debts** are due by **Wednesday, January 18**. Please place all payments in an envelope labeled with the student's name and "Band Debt," and give to Ms. Shuman or a band treasurer (Molly Seefeldt, MS Band; Kinlee Prestine, HS Band).
- MS Band students with missing lessons need to complete a lesson make-up by **Friday, January 20**. Students can sign up for a time in the band room or email Ms. Shuman to schedule a time.

Upcoming Coleman Band Events

- **HS Pep Bands:**
 - Monday, January 9 at 6:30pm (Girls' BB)
 - Thursday, January 12 at 6:30pm (Boys' BB)
 - Thursday, January 26 at 5:15pm (Wrestling Parents' Night)
- **End of Semester 1:** Friday, January 20
- **No School:** Monday, January 23 (teacher in-service)

CHS Band Updates

The HS Band had a great week of sight-reading as we dive into new concert music. This music was fairly challenging, but they did a great job of persevering through even the most difficult sections. This of course meant that we had to celebrate with our usual Pep Band Friday at the end of the week!

CMS Band Updates

The Middle School Band hit the ground running on Monday by sight-reading some new music, which definitely pushed them to learn new notes and rhythms. We sight-read lots of new music throughout the week, and we'll continue to work on music as we prepare for Large Group Contest and our spring concert!

5th Grade Band Updates

This week was an important week for our 5th Grade Band: they learned how to clean out their instruments! It's not the most glamorous stuff to learn, but it will help them keep their instruments in the best possible condition so they can play them for a long time. Next week, we'll resume small-group lessons. The schedule can be found [here](#).

♪ Thanks for reading! ♪

If you have any questions, or want to get involved in the Coleman Band Program,
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Weekly Musical Inspiration:

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.”

-Plato

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