



## This week in the Coleman Bands:

Welcome back, Cougar bands! After a nice Thanksgiving break, each of the bands got back to work preparing for their Christmas Concert, which is less than 3 weeks away! The Middle School Band has been learning new scales and composing their own short songs for the band to play. High School Band students played back-to-back pep bands on Thursday and Friday night and learned new music theory concepts, all while preparing their Christmas music. And our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band had its first ever full-band rehearsals this week - it was a lot of fun! We'll continue having full band for the next three weeks until the Christmas Concert so we can get used to playing together as a group!

## Announcements & Reminders

- **MS Band Shirts have arrived!** If your student still needs a band shirt, we have a few extras. Please call or email Ms. Shuman for details.
- Any HS Band students interested in joining the **UW-Platteville** or **UW-Stevens Point Honor Bands** should see Ms. Shuman by Dec. 22 for more information.
- All 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band students will need their instruments, music, and folders every **Monday, Thursday, and Friday from now until Dec. 19** for full-band rehearsals.

## Upcoming Coleman Band Events:

- **HS Pep Bands:**
  - Monday, Dec. 12 at 6:30pm for Boys' Basketball
  - Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30pm for Girls' Basketball
- **Christmas Concert:** Monday, December 19 at 7:30pm in the HS Gym

### CHS Band Updates

Between learning about key signatures and practicing our Christmas music, it was a busy week for HS Band students! Not only did they learn all sorts of new things, but they played another student-led pep band on Friday night for Girls' Basketball - thank you for your leadership, HS Band members!

### CMS Band Updates

This week, Middle School Band students turned into composers as they added notes to their own rhythmic compositions. We played through some as a band, and these students have some fantastic musical ideas! We also recorded ourselves playing our Christmas music to figure out more ways to improve. We're getting better and better each day! Keep up with **practice cards**, which are required and **due every Friday**.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Updates

What a busy week for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band students! They played their first ever full-band rehearsal, which was very successful and a ton of fun! On Thursday, they learned a completely new note, which they then used on Friday as they learned their newest piece for the Christmas concert. They've been making lots of progress, and they can't wait to perform for you on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

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## Thanks for reading!

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***Weekly Musical Inspiration:***

*“We should consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once.”*

*-Friedrich Nietzsche*

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