

### This week in the Coleman Bands:

What a busy week we had here in Coleman! High School Band members learned all about physics in music and how that relates to intonation, while the Middle School Band learned a new piece by ear and began improvising melodies in D minor. 5th Grade Band students caught up on lessons after a couple weeks of hiatus, and now they're starting to learn their concert music! And all the while, we've been preparing for Solo & Ensemble and for a music spirit week to be held later in March. Thanks for a great week, Coleman Bands!

#### **Announcements & Reminders**

- Parent-Teacher Conferences are next week! They'll be held on Tuesday, March 7 from 1-4pm and Wednesday, March 8 from 4-7pm. Stop by to check on your student's grade and progress in band class!
- Solo & Ensemble is on Saturday, April 1! Students who are participating should clear their schedules that day. More details will be given later in March.
- Students participating in Solo & Ensemble must turn in a permission slip by March 16 in order to participate. Permission slips can be found in the band room or by clicking <a href="here.">here.</a>

## **Upcoming Coleman Band Events:**

- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Tuesday, March 7 (1-4pm) and Wednesday, March 8 (4-7pm)
- No School: Friday, March 17
  Teacher in-service
- Last Day of Quarter 3: Tuesday, March 28
- Solo & Ensemble Festival: Saturday, April 1 at Wausaukee High School

### **CHS Band Updates**

This week was a busy week for our High School Band! Officers are busy coming up with ideas for a fundraiser later in May, and everyone is working hard on their Solo & Ensemble pieces or research projects. HS Band members also learned about soundwaves and how they affect tuning by watching Ms. Shuman rock out on a bass guitar:) And we ended the week by voting on a design for new pep band t-shirts! You can see all the designs (including the winner) below!

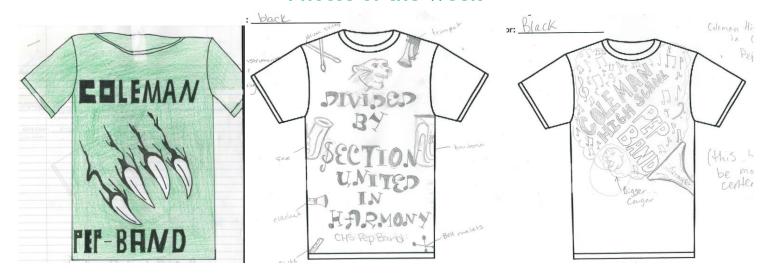
#### **CMS Band Updates**

Middle School Band had a great week of rehearsals this week! They used their ears to learn rhythmic patterns and a bass line without any sheet music, and they also started improvising and composing melodies to go over that bass line, which we'll put together to create a whole piece to perform on our concert! Students also received a new assignment to do instead of a practice card -- it's a Performance Improvement Guide, which is worth 10 points and is due next Tuesday, March 7. Keep up the great work, Middle School!

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

on track this week with lessons after two weeks of trips, illnesses, and non-school days! We learned the first half of a duet that we'll be playing on our concert in May, and figured out how to hold steady on our own parts even when someone else is playing something different at the same time. Keep practicing at home, 5th grade, and we'll be ready for our concert in no time!

### Photos of the Week



The awesome designs submitted for our pep band t-shirt contest! From left to right: Chris Villena, Abby Nowak, and Elise DeVuono (the winner!)

## Thanks for reading!

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# **Weekly Musical Inspiration:**

"Music, at its essence, is what gives us memories. And the longer a song has existed in our lives, the more memories we have of it." -Stevie Wonder

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