



Pine Tree Junior High School Band

Symphonic Band



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"A Tradition of Excellence for All"

Dear Band Parents/Guardians and Students,

During the Spring, the State of Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) sponsors a contest for all 7th and 8th grade junior high school band students called *UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluation*. At this contest, students will perform with their band in a concert, as well as read a brand new piece of music for a panel of judges. All 7th and 8th grade band students will be participating in this contest. Students have been working on music and skills for this competition in class on a daily basis.

Eligibility Requirements

This year's UIL contest will be held at Gilmer HS on March 31st-April 1st . Students will need to meet certain criteria in order to participate in the contest. They are as follows:

- Per district rules, **students must have passing grades** (70 or above) in all their classes on the 3rd nine weeks report card.
- Students must **attend after-school rehearsals**.
- Students must **pass-off all their music to a director**. A director will listen to the pass-offs during after-school rehearsals. If a student can not pass-off their music, they will not be eligible to attend the contest.
- Students must **perform at the Pre-UIL Concert**.
- Students will need **Concert Black Attire**. (this will be a specific outfit worn for performances)
 - **Boys**-Black Band Polo, Black Pants, Black Shoes, Black Socks
 - **Girls**-Black Band Polo, Black Pants, Black Shoes, Black socks (if shoes require socks)

If you are not able to acquire the proper attire by our first performance, please let Mr. Cronk know as soon as possible. We will make sure to find the proper attire for your student.

Grades

The grades for this semester will consist of weekly pass-offs, daily in class participation grades, and performances.

Weekly Pass-offs- Students will be given a section of music to pass-off for a weekly test grade. I will listen to the pass-offs during our after school rehearsals.

Daily Participation Grades- Students will need to have their instrument, binder (music), and a pencil everyday. They will also be graded on their participation and behavior during class. They will receive 20 points a day for participating, behaving in class, and having all of their required items.

Performances- We will have a pre-UIL parent concert the week before we go to UIL. Your student will get a grade for pre-UIL concert and UIL as well.

Ineligibility, Unexcused Absence, & Alternate Written Assignment

This 9 week-grading period consists mostly of UIL-related activities (rehearsals, tests and Pre-UIL concert). Due to the limited preparation time we have for UIL, students who have **two unexcused absences** from after- school rehearsals will be ineligible for the contest. I will contact a parent/guardian after the first unexcused absence.

In the event a student becomes ineligible due to being unable to satisfy the requirements outlined above, they will be given an alternate written research work which will satisfy their UIL grades. They will have until the day of the UIL competition to complete this research work, and will be graded in a specific and detailed rubric shortly after submission.

If your student is involved in another UIL or school event that conflicts with any of these dates, I will speak with the sponsor or coach and figure out any scheduling conflicts. Please fill out the attached sheet if your student is involved with any other school activities. Any activities that are not school related that conflicts with rehearsals will need director approval to be counted as excused.

If your student has an absence during after school rehearsal, they will still need to complete their weekly pass-offs. Mrs. Loanzon will be in the band room every morning from 7:30-8:00am to listen to pass-offs. If a student does not complete the assignment by the due date, a zero will be added to the grade book. As soon as the assignment is completed, the student's grade will be changed.

After-School Rehearsal Dates

Please put these dates on your personal calendar and ensure you have reliable transportation.

Monday **1/24** 4:00-5:00pm --Woodwinds (Flutes,Oboes,Clarinets, Alto Saxs)

Wednesday **1/26** 4:00-5:00pm--Brass/Low Reeds (trumpets, horns, trombones, baritones, tubas, tenor sax, baritone sax, bassoon, bass clarinet)

Monday **1/31** 4:00-5:00pm--Woodwinds

Wednesday **2/2** 4:00-5:00pm--Brass/Low Reeds

Monday **2/7** 4:00-5:00pm--Woodwinds

Monday **2/14** 4:00-5:00pm--Woodwinds

Wednesday **2/16** 4:00-5:00pm--Brass/Low Reeds

Wednesday **2/23** 4:00-5:00pm--Brass/Low Reeds

Monday **2/28** 4:00-5:00pm--Woodwinds

Wednesday **3/2** 4:00-5:00pm--Brass/Low Reeds

Monday **3/7** 4:00-5:00pm--Woodwinds

Wednesday **3/9** 4:00-5:00pm--Brass/Low Reed

Monday **3/21** 4:00-5:15pm--Woodwinds

Wednesday **3/23** 4:00-5:00pm--Brass/Low Reed

Pre-UIL Parent Concert week of 03/21-03/25--Date to be determined. I will let everyone know as soon as possible.

Monday **3/28** 4:00-5:00pm--Everyone, Last Rehearsal

March 31st or April 1st--UIL Contest

Please sign the acknowledgement slip below and return to Mr. Cronk on or before **Friday, January 7** in order to confirm participation for UIL. If you are not signed up for our **Remind** account, please sign up to receive any updates.(sign up information is below) I will also send updates through the email system in Skyward. Please e-mail (preferred) or call Mr. Cronk with any questions regarding UIL. Thank you for supporting our band program!

Sincerely,

Jared Cronk, M.ED
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Pine Tree Junior High Band Director

7th grade

Send text to 81010

Text this message: @ptco27

8th grade

Send text to 81010

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UIL Contract Acknowledgment and Commitment Slip

I have read the handout above and agree to comply with the eligibility terms in order to participate in the 2021 UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest. I understand that I will have to complete an alternate written research paper should I become ineligible before the competition to make-up for the UIL grades that I will be missing.

Name of Student _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Other School Activities

1. Type of Activity _____

After School Practice dates and times _____

Coach/Sponsor Name _____

2. Type of Activity _____

After School Practice Dates and times _____

Coach/Sponsor Name _____

3. Type of Activity _____

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