



HILLSBORO INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR HIGH



# Hillsboro Band Times

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## FROM THE DIRECTORS

The beginning of the 2011-2012 school year has been wonderfully positive in the Hillsboro Band Program. All of our students started the year at a more advanced point than in any years' past and thanks to their dedication, the progress made in class has been exceptional. We look forward to filling your student's school year with fun, rewarding and unique educational opportunities while helping them to become outstanding young men and women. Here's to a successful 2011-2012!

**Mr. Dedert**

**Mr. Blair**



## JH BAND UPDATE

**8th Grade Band**—The 8th grade band is currently preparing for three performances during the fall semester. On October 21st, the students will perform with the High School Marching Band during pregame of the Varsity Football game versus North County. November 10th marks Hillsboro Junior High's celebration of Veteran's Day which includes an assembly with performances by both the 8th Grade Band and Junior High Choirs. We will wrap up first semester with our winter concert on the evening of December 19th in the Junior High Gymnasium.

**7th Grade Band**—The 7th grade band has recently begun working out of Essential Elements Book 2 and Foundations for Superior Performance after spending much of first quarter reviewing fundamentals from 6th grade. The percussion section is in the process of transitioning from bell kits and snare pads to the full percussion instrumentation including timpani, marimba, concert bass drum etc. The band is also working hard to prepare several pieces for their winter concert on December 19th.

**JH Jazz Ensemble**—The Jazz Ensemble students have spent much of first quarter preparing audition material for All-District Jazz Band auditions on November 1st. They have also been working diligently on solo improvisation skills while preparing several charts for the December 19th concert. The Jazz Ensemble will also be performing at select JH basketball games as a pep band this winter.

**6th Grade Band**—Beginning band is starting to hit their stride as all students have learned the five basic notes they will need as 6th graders. All students are currently studying out of Essential Elements Book 1 and have weekly practice assignments. Please check with your student as they should be practicing at least ten minutes each day. Believe it or not the 6th graders' first performance is just about eight weeks away and they cannot wait to show off their new skills!



## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**10/21**—8th Gr. Band @ Varsity Football Gm.

**11/1**—JH District Jazz Auditions

**11/5**—JH Honor Band Rehearsal and Performance

**11/10**—JH Veteran's Day Assembly (8th grade band perf.)

**12/9-10**—District Jazz Rehearsal and Performance

**12/16**—Intermediate band assembly/6th grade performance

**12/19**—Int/JH Winter Band Concert @ JH Gym

## REMINDER:

JH JAZZ LAB BAND MEETS FOR REHEARSAL TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 2:30-3:10.

THIS IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS. MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO RIDE THE TUTORING BUS AFTER PRACTICE.

## EAST CENTRAL ALL-DISTRICT JH BAND

Congratulations to the following students on being selected to represent Hillsboro in the 2011 All-District Junior Honor Band on November 5th at Union High School. These six students were selected through an audition/nomination process and will rehearse and perform with an ensemble made up of the very best middle school and junior high band students from across our area. They will have the privilege of working with guest conductor Mr. Michael Ogelsby, Band Director in the Webb City School District, Webb City, Missouri.

The six Hillsboro representatives are as follows:

Madison Koogler—Bass Clarinet

Cassie Kurth—French Horn

Kelly Koester—Trombone

Alison Fortner—Percussion

Natalie Arl—Clarinet

Will Fitzpatrick—Tenor Sax



## BAND CARD FUNDRAISER

We are nearing the end of October and that means it is time for our annual band card fundraiser. All band students from sixth through twelfth grade will participate in this fundraiser as it is our largest of the school year. At the end of the month each band student will be given an allotted number of cards to sell for \$20 a piece. The cards are good for one calendar year and feature many outstanding discounts and deals good throughout Jefferson County and the St. Louis area. More detailed information will be coming home with your student in the very near future so please be on the lookout for it.

IF A COMPOSER  
COULD SAY WHAT  
HE HAD TO SAY IN  
WORDS HE WOULD  
NOT BOTHER  
TRYING TO SAY IT  
IN MUSIC. --

GUSTAV  
MAHLER

## CONCERT ATTIRE REMINDER

As a reminder the performance uniform for each ensemble is listed below.

### Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Concert Band:

#### Boys:

White, button up, long sleeve dress shirt  
Black dress slacks with black belt  
Black dress shoes (no tennis shoes)  
Black socks

#### Girls:

Solid white dress blouse or nice white top (sleeves must cover shoulders)  
Black skirt, dress (must be below the knee), or black dress pants  
Black dress shoes (no flip-flops) preferably flats, not heels.

### Junior High Jazz Ensemble (for jazz only performances):

Black, button up, long sleeve dress shirt for boys, black top for girls  
Black dress slacks with black belt  
Black dress shoes (no athletic shoes)  
Black socks



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