

FEBRUARY 20-24, 2023: AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSALS START NEXT WEEK

Welcome back to another week, everyone. Well, things are about to rev up big time for us. After-school rehearsals start next week for Pre-MPA and our actual Pre-MPA date is coming soon. We are in a solid place, but we still have a lot of work to do. We need everyone to come to Reconnects. That will help us maximize our time. Remember, MPA is the equivalent of an EOC for band, so we must do as much “studying” (practicing) as we can before the “test day.”

What’s Happening this Week?

- Monday, February 20:** **President’s Day (No School)**
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Tuesday, February 21:** In-School Instruction.
***Pathways to Success* Leadership Training, 2:45-3:45 pm**
CCHS Basketball Concessions.
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Wednesday, February 22:** **Ash Wednesday.**
In-School Instruction.
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Thursday, February 23:** In-School Instruction.
CCHS Basketball Concessions.
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Friday, February 24:** In-School Instruction.
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Saturday, February 25:** **Percussion Camp w/ Mr. Patrick, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm**
CCHS Basketball Concessions.
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Sunday, February 26:** Eat. Sleep Practice. Repeat.
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In Other News...

After-School Rehearsals for MPA Prep: There are a total of 6 after-school rehearsals in preparation for our Pre-MPA and MPA concerts. Those dates are March 1, 6, 8, 15, 20, 22 from 2:45-5:00 pm. All these rehearsals are required and will negatively impact a student’s grade if they do not attend. We are hoping to make these rehearsals exciting by inviting seasoned directors to come and work with the group. Most of the dates have folks coming. See the calendar for when those individuals will be visiting campus.

Pre-MPA Date: Pre-MPA is a mock run of the real MPA and is hosted by Hickory Ridge High School. We will perform and receive comments from the panel of judges. Our performance date is Monday, March 13. More details as we approach the date. **This concert is required for all of those involved with MPA this semester.**

Spring 2023 Concert Attire: As we head toward Pre-MPA and MPA, it is important that we begin to secure the appropriate concert attire. 99.9% of us should already have these items, but please begin to secure (or try on) the following items:

Males: Black socks, black dress shoes, black dress pants, black belt, black dress shirt (long-sleeve, button down, collared), black bow tie

Females: Black dress shoes and black dress (must be school dress code length) OR black dress shoes, black dress pants, and black dress shirt

STEM Recruitment Night 2023: Our pep band has played at the STEM Recruitment Night for the past two years and we have been invited back for the third time. We will take a pep band to the event on March 1 from 5:30-7:00 pm. The event is on campus and will happen directly following our after-school rehearsal on that day. Anyone is welcome to join the pep band – no marching band experience required. This would be a cool way to try out just a small taste of what marching band has to offer for those who may be interested in joining marching band next year.

Student Fees: All students in the band class have a semester fee that the county charges to help offset the cost of materials used in the band class. There is also a \$25 per semester fee for those who are renting an instrument from the school. These fees can be paid through the K-12 Payment Portal (<https://www.k12paymentcenter.com/>). These fees were to be paid by February 3, 2023.

School-Owned Instruments/Instrument Repairs: If you are in need of a school-owned instrument, please email me to set-up a time to get your instrument (joshua.adams@cabarrus.k12.nc.us). If you are in need of an instrument repair, please let me know!

February 2023

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| 19 | 20 President's Day (No School) | 21 CCHS Basketball Concessions <i>Pathways to Success</i> Leadership Training, 2:45-3:45 pm Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm | 22 Ash Wednesday | 23 CCHS Basketball Concessions Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm | 24 | 25 CCHS Basketball Concessions Percussion Camp w/ Mr. Patrick (10 am – 2:30 pm) |
| 26 | 27 | 28 CCHS Basketball Concessions <i>Pathways to Success</i> Leadership Training, 2:45-3:45 pm | | | | |

March 2023

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| | | | <p>1 After-School Rehearsal w/ Mr. Tulbert, 2:45-5:00 pm</p> <p>STEM Recruitment Night (5:30-7:00 pm)</p> | <p>2 Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm</p> | 3 | <p>4 WG Camp Day</p> |
| 5 | <p>6 After-School Rehearsal w/ Dr. Kopyczynski, 2:45-5:00 pm</p> <p>Band Booster Meeting, 6:30 pm</p> | <p>7 <i>Pathways to Success</i> Leadership Training, 2:45-3:45 pm</p> <p>Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm</p> | <p>8 Holi</p> <p>After-School Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm</p> | <p>9 Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm</p> | 10 | <p>11 CWEA North Lincoln</p> <p>UNCC Cheer Competition Fundraiser (9 am – 7 pm)</p> <p>Percussion Camp w/ Mr. Patrick (10 am – 2:30 pm)</p> |
| 12 Daylight Saving Time | <p>13 Pre-MPA (HRHS)</p> | <p>14 <i>Pathways to Success</i> Leadership Training, 2:45-3:45 pm</p> <p>Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>UNCC Baseball Game Fundraiser (5 pm – Until)</p> | <p>15 After-School Rehearsal w/ Mr. Smith, 2:45-5:00 pm</p> | <p>16 Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm</p> | <p>17 St. [Mr.] Patrick's Day</p> | <p>18 CWEA Indian Land</p> |
| 19 | <p>20 After-School Rehearsal w/ Mr. Rivero, 2:45-5:00 pm</p> | <p>21 <i>Pathways to Success</i> Leadership Training, 2:45-3:45 pm</p> <p>Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm</p> | <p>22 Beginning of Ramadan</p> <p>After-School Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm</p> | <p>23 Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm</p> | 24 | <p>25 Percussion Camp w/ Mr. Patrick (10 am – 2:30 pm)</p> <p>WG Camp Day</p> |
| 26 | <p>27 Teacher Workday (No School)</p> | <p>28 MPA [Currently Projected] (MHS)</p> <p><i>Pathways to Success</i> Leadership Training, 2:45-3:45 pm</p> <p>Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm</p> | 29 | <p>30 Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm</p> | <p>31 Winter Guard Rehearsal/Parent Send Off (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm</p> | <p>1 April Fool's Day</p> <p>CWEA Championships</p> |