

## JANUARY 1-5, 2024: NEW YEAR, NEW SEMESTER

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Welcome back from Christmas Break, everyone. This week we start our 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. We have a lot of things planned for our group. Our hope is to do everything that we plan on doing. Nothing is ever a guarantee and is always reliant on everyone's participation in class, Reconnect rehearsals, and after-school rehearsals. Let's start this semester off on the right foot, shall we?

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### What's Happening this Week?

<u>Monday, January 1:</u>	<b>New Year's Day (No School).</b> Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
<u>Tuesday, January 2:</u>	<b>Teacher Workday (No School).</b> Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
<u>Wednesday, January 3:</u>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins.</b> Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
<u>Thursday, January 4:</u>	Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
<u>Friday, January 5:</u>	Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
<u>Saturday, January 6:</u>	Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
<u>Sunday, January 7:</u>	Eat. Sleep Practice. Repeat.

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**ParentSquare:** This year, Cabarrus County Schools has invested in an app called ParentSquare. I'm sure you have heard quite a bit about it by now. This will be the primary mode of communication going forward for the band classes.

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**Band Website:** I'd like to remind everyone of the band website. The web address is [centralvikingbands.com](http://centralvikingbands.com). There you will find uploaded copies of the Viking Band Newsletter, the Band calendar, documents, and various information about the program.

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**Band Assignments:** All assignments will be posted on Canvas at the beginning of the week. Student's assignments will be due on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday at 11:59 pm weekly. Students will have up to one week to submit late assignments from their original due date for partial credit. Beyond that, the assignments become a zero. If students attend 2 Reconnects, one of their homework grades will become an automatic 100% given that the student still turns in their assignments on-time and makes a real effort to play them accurately.

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**January 2024 Band Booster Meeting:** The January 2024 Band Booster meeting will be on January 8 at 6:30 pm in the band room.

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**Leadership Workshop with Dr. Gaston:** Leadership Workshop will begin January 9 from 6:00-6:50 am and be every Tuesday until the beginning of April. [Students need to buy this book prior to attending.](#)

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**All-District Band Auditions:** All-District Band Auditions are January 13 at Porter Ridge High School. Please block off the entire day for auditions. *Please begin planning your transportation to and from the audition – especially if you do not drive!* I will be handing out a schedule next week for auditions.

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**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 \$50 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 are to be paid by August 31, 2023.

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**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](mailto:joshua.adams@cabarrus.k12.nc.us)). If you are in need of an instrument repair, please let me know!

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January 2023

	1 New Year's Day (No School)	2 Teacher Workday (No School)	3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins	4	5	6
7	8 Band Booster Meeting, 6:30 pm	9 Leadership Workshop, 6:00-6:50 am	10	11	12	13 All-District Band Auditions
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)	16 Teacher Workday (No School)	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Leadership Workshop, 6:00-6:50 am	24	25	26 All-District Band Clinic	27 All-District Band Clinic
28	29	30 Leadership Workshop, 6:00-6:50 am	31			

