

JANUARY 8-12, 2024:
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP BEGINS +
ALL-DISTRICT AUDITIONS THIS WEEK

Welcome back to a new week, everyone. This week we start our Leadership Workshop led by Dr. Gaston from Concord Academy. I am very excited for what he is going to do for our group. We know that the future of our group is going to look a little bit different than it has in the past. This is the beginning of getting our band program back on track. We hope you'll get in with us here on the ground floor.

What's Happening this Week?

<u>Monday, January 8:</u>	In-School Instruction. Band Booster Meeting, 6:30 pm Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
<u>Tuesday, January 9:</u>	Leadership Workshop, 6:00-6:50 am In-School Instruction. Basketball Concessions, 5:30 pm Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
<u>Wednesday, January 10:</u>	Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
<u>Thursday, January 11:</u>	Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
<u>Friday, January 12:</u>	Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
<u>Saturday, January 13:</u>	All-District Band Auditions, 7:45 am (Porter Ridge High School) Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
<u>Sunday, January 14:</u>	Eat. Sleep Practice. Repeat.

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

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.](#)

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 plan your transportation to and from the audition – especially if you do not drive!***

All-County Band Dates: The band director draft process for All-County Band is coming up soon. If you would like to be considered for All-County Band, please let me know before the end of the week and block off February 9-10, 2024 on your calendar. I will try my best to get as many of our students in as possible, but as with every year, there are limited spots across 8 high schools.

Jazz Band Rehearsals: Jazz Band Rehearsals will be during 1st and 3rd period Reconnect. If you join jazz band, you are expected to be at every rehearsal (pending genuine conflicts with other classes – just come talk to me). Additionally, the jazz band will rehearse after school on Thursdays beginning February 1 from 2:30-4:00 pm. These rehearsals are required for those participating in the jazz band. Please start making arrangements.

Percussion Camps: We are hosting Percussion Camps throughout the Spring in order to increase cohesiveness between the middle and high school programs as well as recruit for marching band in the fall. These are available to all rising 7th-12th graders. The dates are February 3 & 17 | March 2 & 16 | April 6 & 20 | all dates are from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm. Lunch will be from 12:00-12:30 pm. Please bring your lunch, water bottle, white t-shirt, athletic shorts/pants, and tennis shoes.

Spin & Dance Camps: We are hosting Spin & Dance Camps throughout the Spring in order to increase interest in our color guard program for marching band in the fall. These are available to all rising 9th-12th graders. The dates are February 3 & 17 | March 2 & 16 | April 6 | all dates are from 2:30 pm until 7:00 pm. Early dinner will be from 4:30-5:00 pm. Please bring your dinner, water bottle, white t-shirt, athletic shorts/pants, and tennis shoes.

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 January 8, 2024.

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!

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7	8 Band Booster Meeting, 6:30 pm	9 Leadership Workshop, 6:00-6:50 am CCHS Basketball Concessions, 5:30 pm	10	11	12	13 All-District Band Auditions, 7:45 am (Porter Ridge HS)
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)	16 Teacher Workday (No School) CCHS Basketball Concessions, 5:30 pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Leadership Workshop, 6:00-6:50 am	24	25	26 All-District Band Clinic CCHS Basketball Concessions, 5:30 pm	27 All-District Band Clinic
28	29	30 Leadership Workshop, 6:00-6:50 am	31			

February 2024

				1 Jazz Band Rehearsal, 2:30-4:00 pm	2	3 Percussion Camp, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm Spin Camp, 2:30-7:00 pm
4	5 Band Booster Meeting, 6:30 pm	6 Leadership Workshop, 6:00-6:50 am	7	8 Jazz Band Rehearsal, 2:30-4:00 pm	9 All-County Band Clinic	10 All-County Band Clinic
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18	19	20 Leadership Workshop, 6:00-6:50 am	21 After-School Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm	22 Jazz Band Rehearsal, 2:30-4:00 pm	23	24
25	26 After-School Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm	27 Leadership Workshop, 6:00-6:50 am	28 After-School Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm	29 Pre-MPA Concert (Tentative)		