

Durant Band Christmas Concert Information

To All:

Greetings from the Durant Band Department. It is time for our annual band concert. The date of our concert this year is Sunday, December 15th. The schedule and other information for each performing group can be located below.

This is the first year we have scheduled our annual concerts on Sunday afternoon so the staff felt a little explaining of our reasoning might be necessary. **First-**To emphasize that our concerts are meant to be family events. I realize that Sundays are a traditional day of worship and we do not intend to infringe on this in any way but we want families to be able to come, enjoy, and not be as rushed as we all are during the work week. **Second-**To avoid conflicts with other school activities (athletics, choir, non-school related activities, etc...) that take place Monday-Friday. This will help students avoid having to make a choice between activities. **Third-**The size of program. We have over 360 band students in 6th-12th grades (we are truly blessed). This is a great problem but it is a logistical nightmare. We have to use about two thirds of the HS when we present a concert. It is almost impossible to put these on with other activities happening at the same time.

If you have any concerns please email Mr. Gregg, Head Director of Band, at:
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Christmas Concert Schedule

1:00 pm-Doors will open to Durant High School.

1:15 pm-All band students arrive at Durant High School. Please use the main entrance on the Southwest side.

NOTE 1: There will be HS Band Student Officers who will guide 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade students to their specific locations. 6th Grade On Stage; 7th Grade in the HS Band Room; 8th Grade in the Dance Room; HS in the Commons.

NOTE 2: 6th Grade and 7th Grade Instrument cases will be stored in the Practice Gym, 8th Grade Instrument cases will be stored in the Dance Room.

1:30 pm-6th Grade Warms up on Stage while the 7th Grade will warm up in the Band Hall

1:45 pm-Auditorium Doors will open to public

2:00 pm-Concert Begins

Concert Order of Performance

6th Grade Band
7th Grade Band
8th Grade Band
HS Sparklers
Jazz II
Jazz I
HS Mega Band

Concert Notes:

Note 1-There will be a \$2.00 per person admission fee for this concert to cover professional recordings of our groups. This is the only concert we charge admission for. Band students and children 5 and under are free.

Note 2-Recordings of this concert can be purchased for \$20.00. Rick Roach with Roach Recordings does this service for us and his work is fantastic.

Note 3-6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Band students and families are encouraged to stay for the whole program but not required. HS Band Students are required to stay for the whole program

Note 4-Dress for each group: 6th Grade-Band T-Shirt, blue jeans, and close toed shoes; 7th & 8th Grade-Nice clothes or Christmas sweaters; HS-Ugly Christmas Sweater, jeans, and close toed shoes. There will be a prize on the line for the ugliest Christmas Sweater.

Note 5-BAND T-SHIRT SALE. All Short Sleeves-\$5.00. All Long Sleeves-\$10.00

Note 6-HS Band will load band truck after the concert for Monday morning's performance at the DIS.