

TWIB NOTES: 4/27

VIDEO MESSAGES

Dr. Obado TWIB Message: https://youtu.be/V03cc1Fvzyc

CONGRATS ALLEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to the Allen High School Symphony Orchestra, who has been invited to perform at The Midwest Clinic, an internationally recognized band and orchestra clinic held in Chicago, in December of 2020. The Symphony Orchestra is comprised of students from both the orchestra and band programs at Allen High School.

ALLEN ESCADRILLE HYPE WEEK RECAP

If you missed any of the e-mails or any videos from Hype Week, please go to www.allenband.com to catch up. Here is a short review from Hype Week:

Fall 2020 Show Reveal

The 2020 Fall Contest show is entitled "Lux Aeterna" or Light Eternal. You can read about the show, watch the reveal video, print music from the opener, and listen to an early MIDI of the opener here: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-SQvsWeWiqNS-PekWyadGDPP1Z81A1LO

2020-2021 Drum Majors

- Natalie Bendiksen
- Maddy Beltran
- Pulasthi Fernando
- Ainsley Ford
- Ronnie Weaver

2020-2021 Band Council

President: Nate Dietz

Vice-President: Zachary MillerSecretary/Publicity: Ani Sharma

Historian: Gage CaruthersChaplain: Lillian Rockwell

ACG Leadership Team

Captain: Madison Swagerty

• Co-Captain: Francesca Demorizi

Sr. Officer: June Acedo

• Sr. Officer: Trinity Baker

• Sr. Officer: Rozlyn Graham

Jr. Officer: Kaitlyn Pulsipher

Social Chair: Mykenna Rogers

AT-HOME LEARNING

Please continue with your At-Home learning assignments. This is the format of all your classes until the end of the academic calendar. A few things:

- You must submit something IN CANVAS for every assignment. If you submit a recording in Flipgrid,
 you must also log into Canvas and type the response "I submitted my assignment in Flipgrid on this
 date and time." Failure to submit the statement in Canvas will result in an incomplete and potential
 zero activity report.
- You must be submitting work in all of your classes. You can still fail the fourth quarter for poor or incomplete work FOR ANY OF YOUR CLASSES.
- If you did not pass 1st semester or 3rd quarter, failing the 4th quarter may result in not earning credit for the year or semester.
- If you fail the 4th quarter, your GPA will remain untouched, but your academic records will reflect failing the 4th quarter. This goes for all your classes.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

2020 Senior's: we want to put you in the spotlight! Fill out the Senior Shout Out Form, https://forms.gle/DGvxkw3Gvi9ou2CD6 by answering some fun questions and send a senior picture to publicrelations@allenband.com. Please make sure the picture is just of your senior and include their name. We will spotlight them on social media. Follow us ABBA Facebook (Allen Band Booster Association), ABBA Twitter (@AllenBand) or ABBA Instagram (@abba_allen.eagle.escadrille) to see our amazing Escadrille Senior's!

ALLEN ISD CAMPUS FACILITIES CLOSED THROUGH MAY 22 – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR BAND?

- At-Home Learning will continue through the last day of school. All AHS/LFC band classes will continue the same format of submissions through Learning Focus #1: Performance Studies and Learning Focus #2: Responding to Music. All materials are due by 11:59pm on Sundays and the new assignments are updated every Monday for the week's assignments on Canvas.
- Band Events such as concerts, festivals, contests, and meetings have been canceled through May 22. We are planning on postponing and rebranding banquet to a later date (which may be in the summer). Rather than the typical banquet format, we are planning a free event like a band picnic held at school or at on off-campus park. The Allen Band Boosters will provide food and games free of charge for all band families.
- <u>Turning-in concert uniforms, band folders, instruments</u> will be a challenge. The district is working with all faculty and organizations on future turn-in dates. Everyone still has concert uniforms, instruments, accessories (mutes, music, etc), and band folders checked out to them. We also need a day for students to clean out lockers. We will communicate the pertinent information once we establish a date and procedure.
- The summer band calendar will still be official since all summer dates are after May 22. The early summer events (leadership, percussion camps) are still on the calendar unless we have further campus closures. We will continue to postpone and edit the summer calendar as we continue to receive updates from Allen ISD.

- <u>Auditions and ensemble placements</u> are continuing as planned. Students will be assigned to their Fall Ensembles on later than May 15th. We will work with guidance counselors updating class periods as necessary. We will send out Advanced Music Information Sheets the week of May 11th for those students interested in Advanced Music.
- <u>Leadership selections</u> are continuing as planned. We will have drum majors selected and band council elected this week. We will finish the rest of the SLT selection process with the possible announcement of SLTs on the May 10th TWIB Notes.

ARENA SCHEDULING BEGINS THIS WEEK FOR SOPHOMORES (CLASS OF 2022)

Arena schedule begins this week for sophomores Some notes for all students regarding the Arena Scheduling process:

- If you signed up for band on your interest sheet last December, you are locked in a band class on Arena scheduling. See the third bullet if you need to change your schedule.
- If you did not sign up for band on your interest sheet last December, you should not have been locked in a band class. Unfortunately, some guidance counselors locked some students in a band class even if you did not sign up for a band class. See the third bullet if you need to change your schedule.
- **IF YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR SCHEDULE**, please click the Arena Scheduling Help Ticket (in arena scheduling) to communicate if you are intending on being in band or not next year.
- Students are locked into a 1st period band class, 2nd period class, 5th period class, or 8th Period class. These assignments were based on the results from your auditions in the fall (2019). We will switch your band classes and assign the proper teacher to you after we process this semester's auditions.
- Advanced Music: Arena Scheduling will not reflect Advanced Music for anyone. We will send out an
 information sheet signing up for Advanced Music at a later date this semester. You can sign up for
 Advanced Music if you end up in 1st, 2nd, or 5th period band classes.
- STEAM/DUAL CREDIT CONFLICTS
 - o This gets complicated, please e-mail Dr. Obado if you need clarification.
 - There are two kinds of conflicts
 - (1) Direct conflict with the scheduled class. This means there is a STEAM/Dual Credit course that meets at the same period as a scheduled band class.
 - (2) Class conflicts with before school rehearsals (non-marching band). This means that there is as STEAM/Dual Credit course that meets during the same time as a Wind Ensemble/Wind Symphony/SYM 1/SYM 2/Varsity Percussion before school rehearsal/sectional.
 - We will work with you and your schedule only if the STEAM or Dual Enrollment course does not have another section that meets at a different time.
 - o If there is another section of your STEAM/Dual Enrollment course that conflicts with your assigned band class, then you need to take that alternative section to avoid the conflict.
 - Most, if not all, STEAM/Dual Enrollment classes have different sections that will not conflict with a band class. If you refuse to take the alternative STEAM/Dual Credit class:
 - If you choose the STEAM/Dual Enrollment course over a 1st period band (and before school rehearsals), you will be assigned an 8th period band.
 - If you choose the STEAM/Dual Enrollment course over a 2nd/5th period band (including before school sectional time), you will be assigned a 1st or 8th period band.

- If you choose STEAM/Dual Enrollment over a 2nd period class (Wind Ensemble), you will be assigned a 5th period class (Wind Symphony). If you choose STEAM/Dual Enrollment over a 5th period class (Wind Symphony), you will be assigned a 1st period class.
- If you choose the STEAM/Dual Enrollment course over an 8th period band, you will need to make a choice between band and your STEAM/Dual Enrollment course. You will not be scheduled into a 1st period band. PLEASE NOTE: there will be multiple sections where you will not have a conflict with an 8th period band class.