



# *Union Township Bands*

*Monthly Newsletter*

## what's new?

The end of the first trimester is almost upon us! High school is well on their way with learning music for the next concert, and middle school is in the process of getting theirs throughout this week. For high school, pep band and jazz band is just around the corner, and for 8th grade, the Veterans Day concert is soon as well!

## what are we learning?

- 6th- We just learned  $\frac{3}{4}$  time, and soon will be learning accidentals
- 7th- We are learning all about sixteenth notes
- 8th - We are diving into new music that has a lot of part independence
- High School- We have been doing a lot of work with Chorals to work on our tuning, balance, and blend

## Upcoming Dates!

- High School pep band plays its first game on 11/17. This is part of the class for 2nd trimester band, but 8th graders and other high school volunteers are welcome to participate
- This Friday is the start of Jazz band (which is voluntary) for the high school, meeting on Fridays right after school until 3:45

- The 8th grade will play March of the Armed Forces for the in-school Veterans Day program on November 10th
- The December concert for all grades is Thursday, December 14th
- There is an after school rehearsal for it the day before from 3-5. As we approach the day, that time may be shortened/cancelled for some/all grades

## Reminders

Only the 8th graders will be playing the Veterans Day concert, so the after school rehearsal for it is cancelled. Exact attendance policies can be found in the band handbook, also located in canvas. For all grades, the most up to date grade is in Harmony, but look in canvas for playing test grades to view your rubric. Stay tuned for information on ISSMA Solo and Ensemble toward the end of November

## Spotlight and Thanks

Thank you to everyone who came to the concert, it was wonderful! Also, special thanks to audium director Bethany Haitsma for preparing the performance space and helping to make everything run smoothly!