

John W. Johnson
Principal

Jason Strouse
Vice Principal



Band, Orchestra, & Vocal Chords Rehearsal Schedule

September 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you will join us in our excitement as we begin our elective music programs for the 2016-17 school year! We are preparing to begin our early morning large group Orchestra, Band, and Vocal Chords rehearsals. These rehearsals are required for participation in the concerts. However, we realize that things happen. Transporting children before our school day starts offers some challenges for some of you. Children may miss a rehearsal for a variety of reasons. We understand this. However, in order to prepare the students for a successful performance, they do need to practice together. To be fair to all, we have decided that each child will be allowed to miss 3 rehearsals and still perform in the Winter Concert at the PAC in January. More absences could lead to that child not being able to perform. This decision will be made by the FW Administrative Team along with the musical director, and will be based on the individual circumstances. Hopefully, it will not get to that point.



Parents will need to provide transportation to the school on rehearsal mornings. We do not have busses available for this purpose. You are asked to drop off the children in the front loop of the school and **come into the building to sign them in.** A sheet will be set up just inside the front doors for this purpose. You can drop off your child starting at **7:00 a.m.** **Please do not drop off any earlier than this as we will not have any supervision for the children until 7:00 a.m.** For safety and security reasons, our front doors will not be unlocked until 7:00. From 7:00 - 7:15, the young musicians will assemble their instruments, tune, and warm-up. An administrator will open up the building promptly at 7:00 a.m. to let the children and parents in. Rehearsals will begin promptly at 7:15 a.m. **Please make sure the children are here by 7:15** so they do not miss the beginning of these important rehearsals.

We understand how difficult it is to get the children up and moving at that time (sometimes equally difficult for us!) However, their participation in the morning ensemble rehearsals is vital in preparing them for the upcoming concerts. Participation in our morning, large-group morning sessions helps them to know the music better. They become more familiar with the sound of their classmates while playing together. Students that practice together should be more comfortable on “the big stage” at the PAC when they perform in the concerts.

Please refer to the back of this page for the full Fall / Winter schedule in preparation for the January performances. Beginning Band & Orchestra will always rehearse on Tuesdays, Vocal Chords will always rehearse on Wednesdays, and Advanced Band & Orchestra will always be on Thursdays. **Please note: If we have a delayed opening, the rehearsal for that day will be cancelled.** If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Corvino, Mr. Mastin, or my office.

We look forward to a great season with your talented musicians!

Sincerely,
Mr. Johnson
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Rehearsal Schedules

Beginning Band & Orchestra

Tue., Oct. 11th
Tue., Oct. 18th
Tue., Oct. 25th

Tue., Nov. 15th
Tue., Nov. 22nd
Tue., Nov. 29th
Tue., Dec. 6th
Tue., Dec. 13th
Tue., Dec. 20th

Tue., Jan. 10th
Tue., Jan. 17th (Band ONLY)

Vocal Chords

Wed., Oct. 19th
Wed., Oct. 26th
Wed., Nov. 2nd
Wed., Nov. 16th

Wed., Nov. 30th
Wed., Dec. 7th
Wed., Dec. 14th
Wed., Dec. 21st
Wed., Jan. 4th
Wed., Jan. 11th

Advanced Band & Orchestra

Thu., Oct. 13th
Thu., Oct. 20th
Thu., Oct. 27th
Thu., Nov. 3rd
Thu., Nov. 17th

Thu., Dec. 1st
Thu., Dec. 8th
Thu., Dec. 15th

Thu., Jan. 5th
Thu., Jan. 12th

Dress Rehearsals and Concerts (at the PAC)

School day dress rehearsals:

FW Orchestras & Vocal Chords – Tues., Jan. 17, 2017
FWS Bands – Wed., Jan. 18, 2017

Evening Concerts:

FW Orchestras & Vocal Chords – Tue., Jan. 17, 2017 @ 6:30pm (**report - 5:45**)
FW Bands – Thu., Jan. 19, 2017 @ 6:30pm (**report - 5:45**)

(The Spring Schedule will come out after the Winter Concert.)

Please note:

If the district calls for a delayed opening or schools are closed due to inclement weather,
the rehearsal for that day will be cancelled.

The mission of Fountain Woods School is to provide a safe, nurturing, and academically challenging environment
that meets the needs of our students while preparing them for a culturally diverse world.