

UHS Instrumental Music – event synopsis

Performing to Inspire

Core Values:

- All performances are of equal importance.
- Students who elect to be in band are electing to be at all rehearsals and performances.

Independence Day Parade

Students involved: All band students incoming grades 9 – 12.

Timeline: app. 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Synopsis: Students rehearse for and perform at the Urbandale parade.

Band Camp

Students involved: All 9 – 12 band students

Timeline: 2 rehearsals per day (morning and evening)

Synopsis: Band camp introduces students to the marching band music and marching drill. Camp encompasses nearly half of the season's rehearsal schedule. Attendance is imperative for student success.

Potluck

Students involved: All students and their families are welcome

Timeline: Evening

Synopsis: The potluck is a chance for students and parents to meet each other and the staff. The staff will present information about the band program and upcoming events. This is a good opportunity for parents to seek answers from the staff or other veteran band parents.

Dairy Barn Fund-Raiser @ State Fair

Students involved: All students and parents

Timeline: Shifts vary

Synopsis: More information regarding the Dairy Barn Fundraiser can be found on the band website.

Fall Activity Kick-off

Students involved: All students

Timeline: Evening

Synopsis: The band will play and support a festive atmosphere as all Fall Activities are celebrated.

Booster Membership Drive

Students involved: All students in performing arts and athletics are expected to attend

Timeline: Evening

Synopsis: The Urbandale Booster Clubs (athletics and performing arts) join forces to go door-to-door in groups and promote memberships in the Urbandale Booster Club. The proceeds are shared among Performing Arts and Athletic Boosters. Parent help is encouraged to help transport student groups into their assigned neighborhood.

Home Football Games:

Students involved: All students

Timeline: 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Synopsis: The marching band provides pre-game and halftime entertainment. We also stay together during the game and provide bursts of music during time-outs and after points are scored.

The final game of the season will also be senior recognition night.

Homecoming Parade:

Students involved: All students

Timeline: Evening

Synopsis: The marching band will help celebrate homecoming by performing in the parade. We ask students in multiple activities who may be invited to ride a float with the other activity to remain with the band on this occasion because the band will actually be *performing* vs. riding a float.

Johnston Marching Band Festival:

Students involved: All students

Timeline: About ½ a day - TBD

Synopsis: The Johnston Marching Band Festival is a non-competitive performance at which the band performs for judges then views a video of the performance while a judge offers instructional observations about the performance. The Urbandale band will also have time to hear and see several other bands perform.

Urbandale Marching Band Invitational:

Students involved: All students

Timeline: Evening

Synopsis: Beginning in the Fall of 1998, Urbandale has hosted this exceptional event. All Urbandale band students sit together in uniform to support the performances of our guest bands. This has been an extremely well received gesture by the visiting bands and has garnered our band program and school district endless amounts of good will. We are proud the spirit of generosity has become imbedded in the J-Hawk Band culture.

This event succeeds also because of the outpouring of volunteerism from parents. The night concludes with an exhibition performance from the J-Hawk Band.

Valleyfest Marching Fest:

Students involved: All students

Timeline: All day

Synopsis: Historically, this has been a high point of the marching season. The day begins with a rehearsal in the morning, a BBQ for family and friends, an exhibition performance at Frerich's Field, then onto Valleyfest to perform two shows, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Sleep well - it's a long but rewarding day.

State Marching Band Contest:

Students involved: All students

Timeline: About ½ a day - TBD

Synopsis: This is the culminating season-ending performance of the marching band, the J-Hawks are on a long streak of Division "I" ratings.

All-State Auditions:

Students involved: Selected students

Timeline: Morning and afternoon

Synopsis: The auditions take place at Indianola High School. Students and their families generally opt to provide their own transportation. If students elect to ride with staff, the day will begin around 6:00 a.m. and end around 6:00 p.m. Each student will be scheduled for a specific audition time. We do not have control over the audition times. Results will be posted at Indianola at the end of the session. For students' educational purposes, we have a helpful preparation document on Mr. Peterson's webpage called "All-State Protocol."

All-State Festival:

Students involved: Selected students

Timeline: Thursday afternoon through Saturday night.

Synopsis: Students who are selected to participate through the audition process will travel to Ames for the All-State Music festival hosted at Hilton Coliseum. Family and friends may purchase tickets to the concert. Details on tickets will be made available closer to the event.

UMS & UHS Jazz Band Concerts:

Students involved: All jazz students

Timeline: Evening

Synopsis: The jazz bands perform concerts in the Urbandale Performing Arts Center. The last concert of the year will include a guest artist to perform with every band!

District Jazz Band Contest:

Students involved: Jazz Band I and Jazz Band II

Timeline: Morning and afternoon

Synopsis: This event has been hosted at Waukee High School for many years but is subject to change. We do not have control over the audition times. This event often coincides with an ACT test date. Jazz band students will want to consider taking the ACT on a different date.

SCIBA Honor Band Auditions:

Students involved: Selected students

Timeline: Evening

Synopsis: Selected students will audition for the SCIBA District Honor Band. There are two bands divided by grade level (9-10 & 11-12). The audition has taken place at Roosevelt High School, but is subject to change.

SCIBA Honor Band:

Students involved: Selected students

Timeline: All day

Synopsis: Students who were selected at the audition will spend the day at Drake University rehearsing and performing. The 5:00 p.m. concert is open to family and friends and generally has a modest admission charge.

Concert Band Concerts:

Students involved: All students

Timeline: Evening

Synopsis: The Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and occasionally a guest band will perform concerts in the Urbandale Performing Arts Center. The last concert of the year will include recognitions, awards, and an ice cream social!

UHS / UMS Band Summit:

Students involved: All students

Timeline: Morning and afternoon

Synopsis: In the morning, the high school bands will work in master classes with local professionals on every instrument. Each group will also have a clinic with a guest conductor. In the afternoon, the high school bands will serve as the master class leaders for the 7th and 8th grade bands. There will be an informal concert to conclude the day. This is a tremendous opportunity for high school students to learn, teach, and develop leadership skills. The Summit will take place in the UHS music area.

Jazz II Combo Concert:

Students involved: Jazz Band II and Jazz Combo

Timeline: Evening

Synopsis: The students in Jazz Band II and the Jazz Combo will perform an informal small groups concert at a local coffee shop or restaurant.

Urbandale Jazz Colloquium:

Students involved: All jazz students

Timeline: Morning and afternoon

Synopsis: Urbandale hosts 16 bands at this growing non-competitive jazz festival. With a unique format, students are able to perform for a supportive and knowledgeable audience and receive extended clinics from highly regarded jazz educators. The event takes place in the UHS music area.

Urbandale Solo Contest:

Students involved: Participating students

Timeline: Evening

Synopsis: Students who choose to participate in the solo & small ensemble festivals will perform for the first time at this event. There will be supportive judges to offer advice for improvement as students prepare for the next solo festival performance. (The Perry Band Olympics)

Perry Band Olympics:

Students involved: Participating students

Timeline: Morning and afternoon

Synopsis: Students who choose to participate in the solo & small ensemble festivals will perform for the second time at this event. It is held at Perry High School and includes students from across the state of Iowa. We do not have control over performance times for this event.

Various Jazz Festivals:

Students involved: Jazz Band I and Jazz Band II

Timeline: TBD

Synopsis: Jazz Band I and Jazz Band II will travel to a variety of jazz band festivals. Family and friends are encouraged to attend and support the students' performances.

Jazz Bands @ Olmsted: EarthDay Celebration:

Students involved: All jazz students

Timeline: Afternoon

Synopsis: The jazz students enjoy performing for Olmsted's annual Earthday celebration. And why not? . . . As we always says, "Who here is from Earth?!"

State Large Group Concert Band Contest:

Students involved: All Students

Timeline: Morning and/or afternoon

Synopsis: A culminating performance for the concert bands, this event is a chance for the students to play their most challenging music at the highest level after a year of hard work! The location of this festival changes from year to year. We do not have control over performance times.

Commencement Knapp Center:

Students involved: Wind Symphony (using the roster for the upcoming year)

Timeline: TBD

Synopsis: The Wind Symphony for next year, performs a 15-minute concert prior to commencement. Then we provide processional and recessional music at the beginning and end of the ceremony.

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