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Greetings! We are headed into the final weeks before our second concert. Feel free to have the students play for you and see what they sound like! In updates - we had a great Chili Dinner and the kids were awesome at it. Unfortunately, the actual OMEA event ended up being cancelled because of weather.

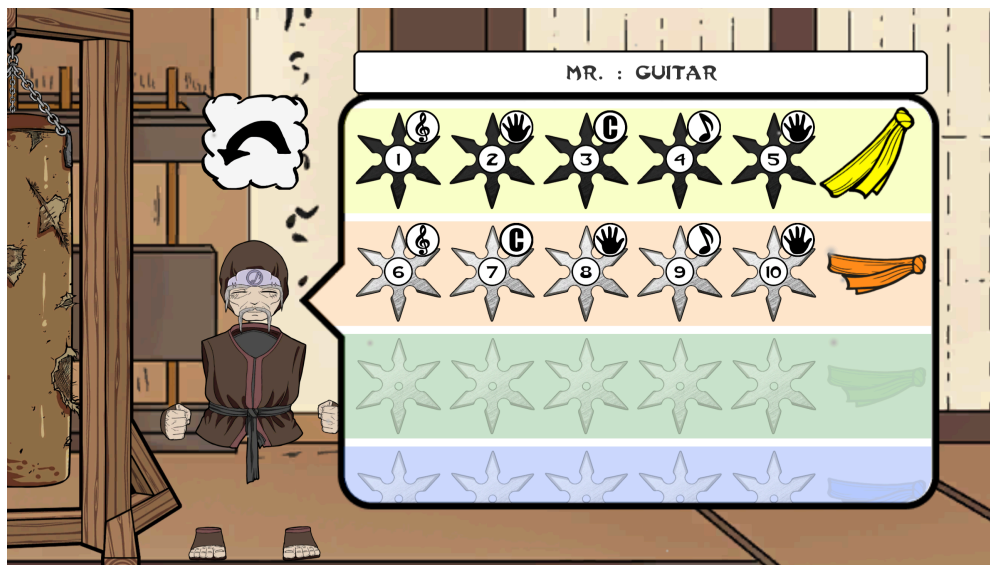
TODAY - we have our Dine To Donate at Jalsco's in Alliance. The flyer is attached to this newsletter.

On Tuesday we have our Booster Meeting. Please join us at the HS Band Room at 7:00. It's not just for the HS Band Parents... Our Winter Guard will be performing at East Canton on Feb. 22nd in the morning.

ALL Bands

For all 6th through 12th Grade Bands, our second **Concert** will be Tuesday - **March 11th at 7:00 in the High School Auditorium.** Students should show up by 6:30. Doors will open for students at 6:00. The High School will have on their Formal Uniforms. Please remember that we don't use the black buttons on the tuxedo shirts. Our Middle School students wear black on bottom and white on top. Dress clothes are expected. We are performing and need to look the part! Feel free to get clothes from the second hand stores as a way to save money - especially with growing Middle Schoolers!

The Bands are all working on NinGenius on-line and there has been a lot of great work done with the program. It not only expects them to know the material, but to answer it quickly. Grades will be given for their scores on the platform. If the scores are low, it means they need to practice it more to build speed. Ask them to see it!!!



6th Grade Band

We are moving our way through the Red Book. Please have them play for you to see how they are sounding. Our first concert is coming up soon!!!!

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7th Grade Band

We are in the Blue Book of Traditions of Excellence. The students will also be working on learning the notes to "My Country Tis Of Thee". Please ask them to play for you and see what they sound like!! If it isn't as good as you think they should be, we probably need to get some lessons.

8th Grade Band

We are working at the beginning of the Green Book. It is our first group to get to this series. They will be performing the March concert with the High School Band. With the amount of marchers we had this year and the trip to New York, it made sense to put them together for this concert. To get ready for this we will have a rehearsal on **Wednesday February 26th**. The students will come over to the HS for 10th Period. We will practice in the Band Room until 3:30. Students can then be picked up by the Victory Bell. It should be a great performance for both groups!!!

Guitar

Welcome to our new Guitar Class!! The students have received their books and will soon be getting a folder. Please have the students bring their guitars in ASAP so that I can make sure that they are working well. We will have one performance at the Spring Concert on **May 13th**. This is a mandatory performance.

High School Band

Again - Great job S&E people!!!! It was a pleasure to hear you Friday night at the Chili Dinner. Mr. Lenzo will be coming in this Friday and Dr. French on Feb. 19th to work with the HS Band to get ready for our Malone Performance. I am still awaiting the

final details, but we are performing on Feb. 25th in the evening. As soon as I have the times, I will pass it on. It is free to the public. We will be rehearsing with the 8th Grade Band on the 26th. Rehearsal will end at 3:30.

Make sure to stay up on the New York trip payments. There are few that still owe for the trip and we need to get it caught up. There will be some forms coming home soon for the school. They are standard Field Trip forms and please make sure that the kids Med Form is updated. There is an app from the company that we will be downloading to facilitate communication and aid with our trip. There will be chaperone meeting on March 25th at 6:00 in the Band Room. We will be going over all of the details, expectations, and answer any questions that you may have.

Thanks to all of the Students and Parents for their hard work and willingness to get ready for this year's performances. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Musically Yours,

Bret Rindquist

