

# THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT OF CRANDALL ISD

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Dear Crandall Band Parent,

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The Crandall Fine Arts Department is proud to announce the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Arts Festival. We are very happy to have the opportunity to provide an event of this caliber to the community, and we are excited that our bands will play a big part.

The Winter Arts Festival will be held at Crandall High School on Thursday, December 7. It will include performances and displays from our bands and other fine arts departments. The event is divided into two main sections – live dinner entertainment, and band performances. Festival doors open at 5:30 PM. The evening will begin with a dinner and live entertainment in the cafeteria at 6:00 PM. Dinner entertainment will be provided by the CMS Dance program and CHS Gold Dusters. The festival closes with band performances in the gym beginning at 7:30.

Tickets for the event are divided into two portions: Entry Tickets and Dinner Tickets. Advance entry tickets for all performances are \$3. These tickets will be taken at the high school doors and are required for entrance. If you choose to wait and buy tickets at the door, the price will be \$5. Children age four and under are admitted for free. The chicken spaghetti dinner ticket is an additional \$5, and these tickets must be purchased in advance. The dinner line will open at 5:30 PM and will remain open until at least 7:00 PM, and those attending can arrive at their convenience. Performing band members will be admitted for free, but will have to buy the \$5 ticket if they want to eat the dinner.

The band performances will start in the gym at 7:30 PM. All Middle School Band members will meet in the high school gym by 7:20 and sit in their reserved section until it is their time to perform. Students must bring their own instrument and music to the high school for the event (except tuba and baritone players). Please see the reverse page with an extended schedule. Band Students will use the High School Band Hall as their instrument unpacking and preparation area.

**All band members should dress in their best clothes.** All performers are encouraged to wear dress clothes. We understand that there are many ways to dress nice, and we hope that students will show their holiday spirit. However, we do have a couple of strict stipulations. Students will not be permitted to perform in jeans, shorts, or t-shirts of any kind. Concert attire is traditionally modest, dressy, and tasteful.

As with all of our group performances, all band students are required to attend. All performances are a major part of our students' Term 3 grades. In order to perform, however, students must be eligible according to U.I.L. requirements. Therefore, students must have been passing all classes at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period in order to perform. Students that are not eligible to attend will have an alternate assignment that will weigh the same on their six weeks grade for band.

The Winter Arts Festival will be an incredible holiday event that we hope will continue to be a long-lived Crandall tradition. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you,

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## Schedule of Events

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Cafeteria Performance

6:00 MS Dance and HS Gold Dusters

Small Gym Performances

6:00 MS Jazz Band

6:30 HS Jazz Band

7:20 All MS and HS band members must be seated in gym with instruments to watch performances

Gym Performances begin at 7:30 PM

Beginner Band\*

MS Concert Band II\*

MS Concert Band I\*

MS Symphonic Band\*

MS Wind Ensemble\*

HS Band

*\*After each group performs, they will be seated in the audience to watch the remainder of the concert. Students are expected to remain for the entirety of the concert.*

**ALL MS INSTRUMENTS AND CASES ARE STORED IN THE HS BAND HALL WHILE NOT IN USE. INSTRUMENTS SHALL BE PLACED IN A DESIGNATED AREA.**