

6th Grade Band Festival

February 2, 2022

Greenfield Junior High Gymnasium, 6:30 PM



A Celebration of Music ... Grades 6th - 12th!

Program

Gilbert High School Marching Band

Ron André, Director

Greenfield Junior High 8th Grade Band

Katie Moorhead, Conductor

Synergies

Robert Sheldon

Fresh Trash

Ed Argenziano

Combined 6th Grade Bands

Katie Moorhead, Conductor

Starsplitter Fanfare

Brian Balmages

The Lost Kingdom

John O'Reilly

Acknowledgements

GPS Superintendent:	Shane McCord
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GrJHS Administration:	Brian Yee (Principal), Jeff Miller (AP), Amy Mulliken (Dean)
Elementary Administration:	Keegan Bassett (Finley Farms), Mary Longnion (Greenfield), Lucas Blackburn (Patterson), Colin Kelley (Sonoma Ranch), Patrick Miller (Val Vista Lakes)
Gilbert HS Administration:	Brian Winter (Principal)
Band Directors:	Ronald Andre (Gilbert HS), Scott Dale (Gilbert HS), Miwako Hayama (Val Vista Lakes), Bill MacDonald (Finley Farms, Greenfield), Adam Strock (Patterson, Sonoma Ranch)
GrJHS Building Manager:	Wayne Lemley
GrJHS Band Boosters:	Hillary Webster, Karolyn Wolfington, Jennifer Yandell, Cristen Abrams

GRJHS Band Parents - THANK YOU for serving dinner and for your cookie & water donations!

*THANK YOU, parents and friends, for your support
of our music programs in Gilbert Public Schools*

Dear **6th Grade Band Parents**,

Welcome to this evening's performance! We are excited to play for you tonight.

Today, the 6th grade students from Finley Farms, Greenfield, Patterson, Sonoma Ranch, and Val Vista Lakes, rehearsed as a combined ensemble of over 160 musicians! It was my pleasure and privilege to work with your children. Following our rehearsal, we had a pizza dinner and got to explore the band room and hear from some of the junior high band students.

I invite and encourage your students to continue in band next year.

GRJHS Band offers a fun place to develop musical skills, learn with friends, and build character. Band is one of the only classes that can simultaneously teach teamwork, personal accountability, dedication, and responsibility through its core content. Although we run a tight ship, the band classes at GRJHS are, above all else, FUN!

GRJHS offers two sections of 7th Grade Concert Band, two sections of 8th Grade Concert Band, and an 8th Grade Jazz Band. We are a growing program with room for everyone who wants to participate. Bands at GRJHS consistently earn Superior ratings at District and State festivals. We are proud to continue Gilbert Public School's tradition of musical excellence.

Please contact me with any questions regarding our band program. I look forward to working with you and your child in next year's band!

Katie Moorhead (Katie.Moorhead@gilbertschools.net)

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Dear **8th Grade Band Parents**,

As your child prepares for the exciting transition from junior high to high school, I wanted to share a few thoughts about our program and its benefits for your son or daughter.

With this new chapter comes new opportunities and some difficult decisions. You want your child to be engaged, challenged, and prepared for high school and beyond. Just as important, you want to know that your child is in a supportive and safe atmosphere that will allow them to not only survive but to thrive. I know that in the Gilbert High School band program, we can provide all of that and more!

In addition to all of the academic and brain-based research, band also immerses your child into a culture of high achieving students who are committed to high standards of behavior and character development. On an almost daily basis we talk about teamwork, commitment, dedication, and issues related to personal development and character education. These are the values and skills that will help your child to be successful in everything they do.

Please visit our table out in the lobby for more information about all of the exciting opportunities the GHS Band Program has to offer.

Thank you!

Ron André

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Reasons to Continue Your Music Education

- Taking a music elective is a better indicator that a student will stay in college than high SAT or high GPA.
- The part of the brain responsible for planning, foresight, and contribution is substantially larger for instrumental musicians than for the general public.
- Students who participate in school band or orchestra have the lowest levels of current and lifelong use of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs among any group in our society.
- The National Association of Secondary School Principals reports 66% of all college freshmen drop out after their first year. In contrast, 96% of band students graduate from college.
- When faced with a problem to solve, students in music and the arts produce more possible solutions, and their solutions are more creative, according to a nationwide study.
- 96% of our nation's astronauts performed in the fine arts during their school years, including Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon. Mr. Armstrong played the euphonium in middle school, high school and the Purdue University band.
- Music students average 68 points higher on SAT exams.

- College admissions officers continue to cite participation in music as an important factor in making admissions decisions. They claim that music participation demonstrates time management, creativity, expression, and open-mindedness.
- Students who are rhythmically skilled also tend to better plan, sequence, and coordinate actions in their daily lives.
- A ten-year study indicates that students who study music achieve higher test scores, regardless of socio-economic background.
- Students who can perform complex rhythms can also make faster and more precise corrections in many academic and physical situations.
- Students with good rhythmic performance ability can more easily detect and differentiate between patterns in math, music, science, and the visual arts.



Famous People who play(ed) a musical instrument:

Steven Spielberg, Clarinet

Johnny Carson, Percussion

Halle Berry, Flute

Celine Dion, Flute

Julia Roberts, Clarinet/Oboe

Knute Rockne, Flute

Vince Carter, Saxophone

Trevor Price, Percussion

Ronald Reagan, Trumpet

Jennifer Garner, Saxophone

Steven Tyler (Aerosmith), Trumpet

Bob Hope, Saxophone

John Glenn (Astronaut), Trumpet

Alyssa Milano, Flute

Ewan McGregor (Obi-Wan), Horn

John Stamos, Percussion

Samuel Jackson (Mace Windu), Horn

Peter Weller, Trumpet

Tony Stewart, Trombone

Calista Flockhart, Flute

Bill Engvall, Trombone

Gwen Stefani, Flute

Aretha Franklin, Tuba

Mr. Rogers, Trombone

Malik Rose, Tuba

Prince Charles, Trumpet

Mike Piazza, Percussion

