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# UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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## From the Band Office

The spring semester got off to a relatively busy start, although much of it has been behind the scenes. The Concert Band and Symphonic Band have been able to rehearse regularly in class, while the Wind Ensemble and Big Band are preparing a new round of virtual performances. Our Winter Guard, Indoor Percussion Ensemble, and Indoor Wind Company have been continuing their weekly rehearsals and the shows are really starting to come together! A big focus this month has been recruitment of prospective members and a lot of development in our Performing Arts Magnet. Although most of this has not been out in front of the public eye, you can expect to start seeing some of the results very soon!

## Parent Meeting

There will be a Parent Meeting on **Tuesday, February 2 at 6 o'clock PM**. This meeting is mandatory for all parents with a child in one of our indoor groups: Winter Guard, Indoor Percussion Ensemble, and Indoor Wind Company. Other parents who would like to help the band be successful this year are welcome to attend! The meeting will take place live in the band room, or can be accessed online in the Virtual Band Office at [www.UHSband.com/hallway](http://www.UHSband.com/hallway). Please join us as we will be going over some very important information regarding our season.

## Performing Arts Magnet

Some new information has been released regarding our Performing Arts Magnet Program. As a reminder, any students who will be in 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2021-2022 school year are eligible to apply to the magnet program. You can learn more by visiting our official school website at [www.universityhs.ocps.net](http://www.universityhs.ocps.net) and clicking "Academics → Magnet and Academy Programs → Performing Fine Arts Magnet."

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## Upcoming Performances

Our three indoor ensembles are scheduled to perform at the FFCC Premiere Central on Saturday, February 13, 2021. This event takes place at Cypress Creek High School (1101 Bear Crossing Drive, Orlando FL 32837.) Ticketing information will be available soon. Here are the details for our groups:

- Winter Guard – Flight 3, 4:29 PM
- Indoor Wind Company – Flight 4, 7:30 PM
- Indoor Percussion Ensemble – Flight 4, 8:10 PM

## Spring Semester Assessment



The second \$75 installment of indoor assessments for members of these groups was due on **Friday, January 15**. So far a total of \$150 (half the fees) has come due. The next installment will be due on **Monday, February 15**. These fees help us to pay for instructional assistant staff, uniforms, staging, drill, choreography, show registrations, transportation, and everything else we need. You can always access your band account at [www.UHSband.com/members](http://www.UHSband.com/members). Please make sure you are doing your part!

## All County Auditions

Students who signed up for All County Band auditions will be recorded next week:

- Students who selected the Virtual Ensemble option should receive information via email this week directly from the All County coordinators.
- Face-to-Face students who signed up for the Face-to-Face Ensemble will be recorded during their band class.
- LaunchEd@Home students who signed up for the Face-to-Face Ensemble can record their auditions after school on Tuesday, February 2 or Thursday, February 4 from 3:15 – 4:30 PM.

Thank you!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Mr. Willis and we will do our best to make sure you have everything you need.



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