

February Newsletter

Welcome to February. Yes it feels that it has been a very long cold winter to date. It has been nice that we have band and ensemble playing opportunities to warm us up. A nice way to celebrate the end of February will be Winterlude. on February 25th

Winterlude: Schedule 9:00 – 9:45 Set up

9:45- 12:00 All 5 bands playing

12:00 – 1:30 Put percussion instruments away and potluck in the gym.

1:30-2:00 Clean up and lock up.

Winterlude is a more relaxed concert performance. There isn't a dress code. Jubilee and Allegro bands are asked to bring their music stands (sturdy stands only please).

Ensemble: Tuesday ensembles at Free Methodist (Foundations, Swing Set, Music Works) are cancelled on February 17th as the church prepares for Shrove Tuesday celebrations. This will give those players an extra long, long weekend.

Mid-Season Survey: you should have received the mid-season survey last week. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to send their responses. If you haven't done so yet please do before February 14th. The information that we learn from this survey helps us with planning for next year.

Seniors Community Grant: Thank you to Audrey Keitel for all of her work with this grant. So many players are receiving extra playing instruction.

Upcoming individual instrument instruction. February 11 – **Euphonium** 11:00-12:00 **Trumpet** 11:00 – 12:00 Room 16 (Skylark and Odyssey) **Library Mallet Percussion** 1:00 -2:00 Room 9. **Double Reed** (oboe and bassoon) 1:00 -2:00 Library

Feb. 18 **Trumpet** (Green, Jubilee and Allegro) 1:00 -2:00 Room 16 **Second Trombone Session** 1:00 -2:00 Library

March 4 **Second Bass Clarinet** 1:00 -2:00 Library

Various mentoring sessions have been organized as well. We are still looking for mentors for **Trombone, Xylophone, Clarinet and Euphonium** players. We have a **tenor sax** player who is looking for someone to mentor.

PNHB website: A new search function has been added to the bottom of every page on our website. After putting in a search topic you have to click on the bold topic header in the search results to take you to the specific webpage information being sought.

Spring Term: Our spring term begins on March 2nd. Conductors will remain with the groups they are working with now. Please remember that if you are going to make a change in the band that you are playing in presently you must get the permission of both the conductors of the bands you are

playing with now and your new conductors. Mark will then make a change in the band roster. Conductors work to make sure the bands are well balanced. Opportunities to change bands are given to everyone at the end of the season.

Many thanks to Rieta Weaver for all of time spent on the PNHB Board recently and in the past. She has just stepped down and we are looking for one more Board member.

Happy Family Day everyone. Green band is reminded that there will not be a practice on Monday Feb. 16th.

Marcia Johnston, PNHB President.