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WELCOME BACK

January 6, 2023

Wednesday, 1/11, 7pm: SOPHOMORES ONLY – Plano Band New Member Meeting
1/12-1/13: All-Region Band Members – Clinic & Concert – *Itinerary sent with Region Band Members*
Saturday, 1/29: Café Virtuoso – *itinerary to come*

Dear Vines Band Family,

I hope your Winter Break was everything you needed it to be. I'm so grateful I got to see my family and rest before the start of this semester. As we look ahead, I'm looking forward to a semester full of wonderful performances from our students.

Café Virtuoso

We are looking forward to hosting our middle schools at the end of this month during our family concert and fundraiser. Proceeds will go directly back to our three schools to replace equipment, hire instructors, and purchase supplies for our students. In order to prepare for our silent auction, we are asking for donations for the next two weeks. Students can drop off donations in the designated baskets in the Band Hall. Please see below:

Percussion: *Maroon – Wildcat Gear* – T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, visors, socks, scarves, etc.
Anything maroon!

Clarinet/Bass Clarinet: *Date Night* – Gift cards, movies, restaurants, popcorn, candy, etc.

Trumpets/Saxophones: *Games Night* – board games, card games, sports, Main Event gift cards, Xbox/Playstation games, skating passes, rock climbing, etc.

Flutes/Horns: *Spa Day* – nail salon gift cards, lotions & soaps, candles, Bath & Bodyworks gift cards, etc.

Low Brass/Double Reeds: *Cooking Night* – food items, kitchen accessories, coffee/tea items, Pampered Chef, Sur La Table, etc.

Solo Contest

Please see the attachment for important information regarding our 2022 Solo Contest season. Rehearsals with accompanists will occur in early February, with the contest in late February. **Solo contest is not required.** In high school, the Solo Contest is an opportunity for students to compete and advance to the State level. Students not participating in Solo Contest will participate in class-time ensemble chamber curriculum. Entries are due next Friday: <https://bit.ly/23soloentry>.

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Director of Bands



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2023 SOLO SEASON

KEY DATES:

Week of January 30: First Piano Rehearsal

Week of February 6: Second Piano Rehearsal

February 13: Cluster Recital

February 18: UIL Region Solo & Ensemble Contest

Solo Selection

Students are restricted to learning a solo from the UIL Prescribed Music List in order to compete at the Region Solo & Ensemble Contest. Students will select their solos (with guidance by lesson teachers and directors) and submit for approval by Friday, January 14th

Cost Families will pay \$80 to cover two (2) rehearsals and one (1) performance. If students are in need of scholarship, students will submit the Scholarship Application Form to Directors by Dec. 1. Accompanist Fees will be paid directly to the accompanist.

Students opting to compete must pay an Entry Fee to the Region for \$15.00. Entry Fees may be paid online via Rycor once entries have been verified on January 14th.