



Badger Band Bulletin

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/bonnerrsferryband/>

Swing Jazz Concert

Tuesday, April 10th, at 7 PM in Becker Auditorium, the Bonners Ferry High School Jazz Band and Honor Choir will present *Swing Jazz*, a concert outlining the history of jazz in 1930s America. Students will contextualize the music for the audience and display their knowledge about how jazz became the first true American music.

For the first time in our music program's history, jazz band and honor choir, the top ensembles in our department will combine their musical skills for a night of fun, dancing, and entertainment. The groups will showcase their talents separately and combine for two pieces at the concert's culmination. A flyer for this event is attached below, please share with family, friends, and on social media.

David Thompson Secondary School Visit

Band students from Invermere, BC will be traveling through Bonners Ferry on May 2 and will be staying for the day to do a band exchange. The goal of this day will be to meet and exchange ideas from the two bands, have a chance to play with different students, and read new music. The Invermere band will also put on a performance for the students and there will be a dinner following the performance where students will have time to talk with each other.

Large Group Festival

Every year the Bonners Ferry Bands take part in the District 1 Large Group Festival, an exceptional educational performance opportunity.

I was very proud of the performances by both middle school bands and the high school concert band. Both middle school groups received a high rating of "Excellent" and for a third year in a row, the high school received a high "Superior" rating, the only small school to receive that honor. A plaque will be awarded to the high school students at our spring concert on May 15. Recordings from festival will be posted on our website.

We were assessed by the professors from North Idaho College, University of Idaho, and two from Washington State University. All were encouraging and positive about how the bands performed and spoke inspiringly about how to improve.

Our students acted with maturity, poise and an attitude that showed a true desire to learn. I was especially pleased with a comment from one of the auditorium ushers. She said, "Your students were the best behaved group all day, so quiet and respectful." So not only did they perform well, they were courteous to other students. I am so impressed with the young people in our bands, what a huge accomplishment, great people on top of being great musicians!

Upcoming Events

April 10

Swing Jazz Concert
Graded for Jazz Band
7 PM, Becker Auditorium

May 2

David Thompson Secondary School Invermere, BC will visit and perform with jazz band, high school concert band and middle school advanced band.

May 5

Music in the Parks Competition
Timberlake High School/Silverwood Middle School Students (All Day)

May 8

Middle School Recognition Concert
Graded for all middle school bands
7 PM, Becker Auditorium

May 15

High School Recognition Concert
Graded for Concert and Jazz Bands
7 PM, Becker Auditorium

May 28

Memorial Day Parade
Graded for HS Concert Band
9:30 AM
Boundary County Fair Grounds

June 2

High School Gradation
Graded for Jazz Band

