

Paul Harding Junior High

Band News:

- **Concert coming up!** Our PHJH band concert is **December 13th at 6:30pm**. Save the date on your calendars and invite your family and friends to join us for this exciting evening!
- Our band concerts are required for students! Please refer to the band handbook for policies on concert attendance. Any student who does not attend the concert will receive a make-up assignment worth equal points. Excused absences **MUST** be communicated with Mrs. Kesar ASAP.
- **Students need to arrive for the concert by 5:15pm in order to get out instruments and warm up for the concert.**
- Congratulations! The following nine eighth-graders submitted audition recordings for Purdue University Fort Wayne's Three Rivers Honor Band: *Dymond F, Kathryn S, Nyla S, Lu Hr, Melina B, Sydney V, Gloria S, Braulio R, and Nevaeh R*. These students practiced extra on their own time to prepare scales and solos. If selected for the honor band, students will have the opportunity to participate in a weekend of intensive rehearsals and sectionals with faculty members at Purdue Fort Wayne and meet other band students their age from across the state. Honor Band weekend is January 24-26th. A final performance for the public will be held at 1:30 on Saturday Jan 26, 2019.
- Help Needed: If you are interested in helping with our upcoming concert, please contact Mrs. Kesar. We will be selling hot chocolate and Christmas cookies (or regular cookies) during the concert. If you would like to bake cookies for us to sell, they may be brought in during the week of December 10th. (NO NUTS PLEASE)
- Students are encouraged to take school-owned instruments home to practice- especially over weekends and breaks. Students are responsible for keeping the instrument safe outside of the school building (per the usage agreement) and must remember to bring them back to school each day to use in class.

Upcoming Events:

December 13th:	Winter Concert
	5:15 Students arrive at school to warm up
	6:30 Concert begins
January 24-26	Three Rivers Honor Band

As always, please contact with me with any questions or concerns!

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