



Jefferson High School Performing Arts

2016 - 2017 BAND | CHOIR | THEATER | ORCHESTRA

September 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>AMB/OVA Parent Meeting 6pm – 7pm</p> <p>WSD Evening Rehearsals Begin 7:30pm – 9:30pm</p>	<p>Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 pm – 8:00pm</p>		1	2 Football at Prairie	3
4 Color Run	5 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	6 Band Parent Meeting Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 pm – 8:00pm	7 Homecoming Parade	8	9 Homecoming FB Game vs. Linn-Mar Marching Band Performs	10 Pre-All-State Rehearsal 9am – 12pm Homecoming Dance 7:00pm – 10:00pm
11	12 7pm Open House CC/MST Perform 6:40 PM	13 Orchestra Parent Meeting 3pm WSD/AMB Choreography	14 3pm Ovation Choreography	15 Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 pm - 8:00pm	16 Football vs Kennedy Marching Band Performs	17 Mt. Pleasant Marching Band Competition
18 12pm WSD Choreography	19 3pm WSD Choreography AMB Rehearsals Begin 3 - 4:30pm OVA Evening Rehearsals Begin 6 - 7:30pm	20 Choral Parent Meeting 3pm Ovation Choreography	21	22 Football vs Washington Marching Band Performs	23	24 Linn-Mar Marching Band Competition Marion Marching Band Invitational
25	26	27 Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 pm – 8:00pm	28 8th Grade Marching Band Event	29 Football vs Waterloo West Marching Band Performs	30	

October 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Marching Band Prairie "Bands Across the Prairie" Five Seasons Invitational
2	3 NO SCHOOL	4 Band Parent Meeting Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 pm - 8:00pm	5	6 Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 pm - 8:00pm (Lower Kingston)	7 Football at Waterloo East	8 State Marching Band Festival Valley Marching Band Contest
9	10 COLUMBUS DAY Metro Marching Band Classic at Linn-Mar	11 Orchestra Parent Meeting Metro All-State Choir Concert	12	13	14 Football vs Cedar Falls Marching Band Performs (Senior Night)	15 Marching Band (Waukee) 10:30am Playtime Poppy Library Event
16	17 Metro Marching Band Classic (Rain Date)	18 Operation Backstage 12:30pm – 1:30pm Choral Parent Meeting	19	20 Operation Backstage 12:30pm – 1:30pm	21 Football at Mason City	22 All-State Music Festival Auditions
23	24	25 Playtime Poppy Preview 5pm <i>James and the Giant Peach</i>	26 Playtime Poppy 1pm Matinee <i>James and the Giant Peach</i>	27 Playtime Poppy 5pm <i>James and the Giant Peach</i>	28 NO SCHOOL Playtime Poppy 5pm and 7:30pm <i>James and the Giant Peach</i>	29 Playtime Poppy 11am and 2pm <i>James and the Giant Peach</i>
30 12pm WSD/OVA Choreography	31 HALLOWEEN Orchestra Concert 3pm OVA/AMB Choreography					

November 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 3pm WSD/AMB Choreography Band Parent Meeting	2 3pm WSD/OVA Choreography	3	4 BOA Indianapolis	5
6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	7 Band Extravaganza	8 ELECTION DAY Orchestra Parent Meeting	9	10 VS/AS/CC Fall Choir Concert 7:00pm	11 VETERANS DAY Iowa Thespian Festival	12
13	14	15 Choral Parent Meeting	16	17 OPUS Honor Choir All-State Music Festival	18	19
20	21 3pm WSD Choreography	22 3pm OVA Choreography 6pm WSD Choreography	23	24	25	26
			NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK			
				THANKSGIVING		
27	28	29	30			

December 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 NEIBA Honor Band
4	5	6 Band Parent Meeting	7	8 Play 2:	9 Play 2:	10 Play 2:
11	12 3pm WSD/OVA Choreography	13 Show Choir Choreography Orchestra Parent Meeting	14 Show Choir Choreography	15 Show Choir Choreography	16 Show Choir Choreography	17 Show Choir Holiday Concerts
Midwest Clinic in Chicago						
18	19 Holiday Concert Band/Choir/Orchestra	20 Choral Parent Meeting Holiday Assembly	21	22	23	24
NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK						
25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK						

January 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NEW YEARS DAY	2 Show Choir Choreography	3 Show Choir Choreography Band Parent Meeting	4 Show Choir Choreography	5 Show Choir Choreography	6 Show Choir Choreography	7 NEIBA Honor Jazz Band NEISTA Honor Orchestra Prairie Show Choir Competiton
NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK						
8	9	10 Orchestra Parent Meeting	11	12 FINALS	13 FINALS Gretna Show Choir Competition	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL	17 NO SCHOOL	18	19 Play 3:	20 Play 3: Metro Orchestra Festival	21 Play 3: Metro Orchestra Festival Speech: District Large Group
22	23 State Jazz Band	24 Men's & Women's 8th Grade Honor Choir	25	26 Show Choir Rehearsal	27 La Crosse Central Show Choir Competition	28
29	30 Fab Five Show Choir	31				

February 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 8th Grade Parent Night	3 ISU Honor Band	4 State Large Group Speech
5	6 Show Choir Valentine's Concert	7 8th Grade Performing Arts Assembly Band Parent Meeting	8	9 Show Choir Rehearsals UNI Honor Band	10 Mo Jazz Clinic	11 Keokuk Show Choir Competition
12 ISU Honor Choir	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY Orchestra Parent Meeting	15	16 Choir Concert (VS,AS)	17 Tallcorn Jazz Festival	19 Hawkeye Honors Music Festival Speech AS Lg. Group
19 Hawkeye Honors Music Festival	20 PRESIDENT'S DAY	21 Choir Concert (CC,MST) Choral Parent Meeting	22	23 Band Carnival	24 NO SCHOOL Coe College Jazz Summit	25 Western Dubuque Show Choir Competition Speech District IE
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March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Invitational Set-up	3 Jefferson Show Choir Invitational	4 NEIBA Jazz Festival
5	6 Corridor Jazz Project	7 Band Parent Meeting	8	9 Play 4:	10 Play 4: Speech State IE	11 Band Trip - Chicago
12 Band Trip - Chicago	13	14	15	16	17	18
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK					
19	20	21 Choral Parent Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27 Speech IE All-State	28	29	30	31	

April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 City Solo and Ensemble Festival
2	3	4 Jazz Champoinships at ISU Band Parent Meeting	5	6 Variety Show	7 Variety Show	8 City Solo and Ensemble Festival at Jefferson
9	10	11 Orchestra Parent Meeting	12	13	14 NO SCHOOL	15 State Solo and Ensemble Festival
16 EASTER	17	18 Choral Parent Meeting	19	20 Dickinson Scholarship Band Concert	21	22 Jefferson Orchestra Festival Prom
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 ISTA Honor Orchestra
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May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 State Large Group Festival
7	8	9	10 Musical Matinee	11 Musical Performance IBA Conference	12 Musical Performance	13 Musical Performance ISTA Honor Orchestra
14 MOTHER'S DAY	15 Senior Recognition Night 5:30pm Ovation Rehearsal 6pm WSD Rehearsal	16 Senior Assembly Choir Banquet & Concert	17	18 Thespian Banquet	19	20 Show Choir Final Concerts
21	22 Orchestra Banquet	23 Band Banquet	24	25	26 Graduation Rehearsal (morning) 7PM JEFFERSON GRADUATION	27
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL	30	31 FINALS			

June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 FINALS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL STAFF LEARNING -- POTENTIAL SNOW MAKE-UP	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	NO SCHOOL STAFF LEARNING -- POTENTIAL SNOW MAKE UP DAYS					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 FATHER'S DAY	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	West Side Delegation Junior Camp					

July 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7	8
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August 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Jefferson High School Performing Arts

Participants in all of Jefferson's performing arts must meet Jefferson Activity Requirements. Students must have passed 20 credit hours in the previous term and be passing 20 hours in the current term. Individual or small group lessons are expected of all instrumental music students who do not study privately. Each year the students are very active in preparation of solos and chamber ensembles for the City and State Solo and Ensemble Festivals. Reservations for all Theater productions can be made by calling the Jefferson Theater Box Office at 319-558-1423

Vocal Music

Varsity Singers (Bass Clef)

Amabile Singers (Treble Clef)

Open to students in grades 9-12. Basic concepts of vocal tone production, music theory, and ensemble singing are stressed. 9th graders in these ensembles are eligible to audition for Opus Honor Choir (with director's approval). Individual students may also participate in State Solo/Ensemble Contest (with director's approval) Both groups perform three times and will participate in the State Large Group Contest. This course meets daily.

Concert Choir

Current vocal music students may audition each spring. Students broaden their knowledge of vocal production, music theory and ensemble singing while experiencing and learning more advanced literature in a shorter amount of time. Ensemble performs for a variety of school functions as well as four concerts during the year. Individual members may participate in State Solo/Ensemble Contest (with director's approval) and all members participate in State Large Group Contest. This course meets on A Days.

Meistersingers

Meistersingers is Jefferson's most select ensemble for 10-12 graders. This group is comprised of hard-working, motivated individuals, and offers advanced training in ensemble singing, collegiate-level literature, and rehearsal techniques. Expectations for this course include All-State auditions, Caroling, Solo/Ensemble Contest, State Large Group Contest and other public performances. This course meets on A Days.

Ambition and Ovation

Ambition and Ovation are Jefferson's two prep show choirs. They are open for audition to 9-12 grade students currently enrolled in a curricular choir. The focus of these groups are reinforcing healthy vocal production while adding the element of dance and movement; teamwork; dedication and responsibility. Students will travel and compete against other prep show choirs. Members are also required to volunteer and work at the annual Jefferson Show Choir Invitational. These courses meet on B Days.

West Side Delegation

West Side Delegation is Jefferson's premier show choir. It is open to auditions to 10-12 grade students currently enrolled in a curricular choir. Students enrolled in this class will learn about advanced levels of vocalization, stage presence, theatrical dance, sportsmanship, and teaming. Requirements for this course include: extensive travel during competition season; extensive time commitment; community performances arranged by the director; and assisting at the Jefferson Show Choir Invitational. This course meets on B Days.



Band

Drum Majors

Alec DeCapria
Haley Varo

Hailey Everhart
Connor Wooff

Band of Blue

The Band of Blue is Jefferson's marching band. 10th-12th graders start in the summer and prepare a show for competitions in the fall. The band performs at football games and at competitions.

Wind Symphony

The Wind Symphony is an auditioned concert ensemble that meets after marching band season. Open to all grades.

Symphonic Band

The Symphonic Band is comprised of students in 9th and 10th grade and meets after marching band season.

9th Grade Band

9th Grade Band is for incoming freshmen.

Jazz Band

The Jazz Band is a small auditioned ensemble that meets in the mornings during 2nd and 3rd terms to rehearse.

Pep Band

Pep bands perform at basketball games after the marching season.

Honor Bands

Students are given the opportunity to audition or apply to a number of honor bands, including: BOA, All-State, NEIBA, Iowa State, and University of Iowa.

Theater

Thespian Troupe 561 Student Officers:

Mason Koelm
Bre Kenney

Vanessa Lund
Chase Hannan

Performance Opportunities

Students interested in acting and other performance experiences such as dance and improvisation have an opportunity to participate in five major productions during the school year.

Auditions for all productions are announced in the school announcements and on the callboard in the theater hallway. Audition materials are available from the director prior to tryouts. Rehearsals begin five to seven weeks before production. Students who are cast in a production are given a complete rehearsal schedule in advance and are required to attend all rehearsals and performances.

Technical Opportunities

Students from all grade levels are encouraged to get involved in many technical areas which are needed for productions throughout the year. Shop hours are posted on the callboard in the hall. No experience is necessary. Students will learn the basics of carpentry, painting, sewing, business skills, and other technical skills related to a production. Crew heads are chosen by application. However, any student may be a part of most crews (lights and props crews are limited).

Educational Theater Association

The Theater Faculty is active members and leaders in their professional organization, the Educational Theater Association of the International Thespian Society. They hold leadership positions on the multi-state and national levels.

Thespian Troupe 561 of the International Thespian Society

The International Thespian Society was founded in 1929 and is presently made up of more than 2,000 troupes in the United States and around the world. The Thespian organization attempts to broaden student's interest in the theater by providing opportunities to attend state and international conferences, going to other high school, college, university, and community theater productions.

Thespian Troupe 561 of Jefferson High School is open to all students who are interested in theater. To be eligible to join Thespians, students must earn a minimum of 10 points through performance roles and/or crew work. One point is equal to approximately 10 hours of work.

Orchestra

Symphonic String Orchestra

The Symphonic String Orchestra is the core of the Jefferson String Program. This group specialize in literature written for stringed ensembles. For students to be eligible for participation in any of the other string ensembles, he/she must be enrolled in the Symphonic String Orchestra. Students receive a grade for String Orchestra and 5 credits toward the Jefferson graduation requirements.

Philharmonic String Orchestra

Incoming ninth grade string players are automatically placed in the Philharmonic String Orchestra. Students in this group are not required to perform in the Symphony Orchestra, but are invited to do so. This Orchestra focuses on developing theory and technical skills. Students receive a grade and 5 credits toward the Jefferson graduation requirements.

Symphony Orchestra

Beginning in the spring term of the school year, Band members join the strings to form the Symphony Orchestra. With the introduction of wind players to the String Orchestra, the huge repertoire of the full orchestra is possible. Barring class conflicts, all members of the Symphonic String Orchestra are required to perform in the Symphony Orchestra. Students receive a grade for Symphony Orchestra and 2.5 credits toward the Jefferson graduation requirements.

Westside Fiddlers

The Fiddling Class is open to any instrumentalist or vocalist interested in learning the tradition of "fiddling." Music from the British Isles, Europe, and the Americas will be explored. Traditional and non-traditional fiddling styles will be taught. Students may earn 2.5 credits towards graduation.

Harp Ensemble

This group is open to any harpist participating in the Symphonic String Orchestra. Students participating in Harp Ensemble may earn 2.5 credits toward graduation.

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Performing Arts Parent Associations

The purpose of the Jefferson parent associations is to morally and financially support the performing arts programs at Jefferson High School. We do this by providing volunteer support at performances and competitions, fundraising to supplement the needs of each department, and encouragement to the directors and students. All parents and guardians of performing arts students are welcome and encouraged to join. There are no fees or membership dues. Contact one of the parent officers listed below for more information, or just join us at our next meeting.

Band Parent Association

Meetings held 1st Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Band Room

Co-President: Ellen Wiedenman
Co-President: Kellee Cortez
Vice President: Shelly Bilsland
Secretary: Michele Ortega
Treasurers: Ninette Farrier, Angela Breemeersch
Volunteer Coordinator: Angie Barnard

Orchestra Parent Association

Meetings held 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Orchestra Room

President: Jayme Capaccioli Bates
Vice President: Danielle Stoker
Secretary: Vanessa Heathman
Treasurer: Elvira Moon

Choral Parent Association

Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Choir Room

Co-President: Christina Latterwasser
Co-President: Julie Morningstar
Vice Presidents: Jodi & Lee Kenney
Secretary: Adrienne Schumacher
Treasurer: Erica Moritz