

**PERFORMANCES: “A PERFORMANCE IS A TEST THAT CAN’T BE MADE UP”**

The GMS Bands will make no unimportant appearances; therefore each member is **required** to participate in all performances unless excused in advance by the principal or the director. Part of the learning experience of a co-curricular group such as this is the participation in performance. Students and parents are expected to make plans in advance to be sure the student is in attendance. Points will be taken off grades for missed performances. Parents are strongly encouraged to support your students by attending as many performances as possible. Remember---YOU ARE A PART OF ONE OF THE BIGGEST “TEAMS” IN THE SCHOOL – **ALL** PARTS OF THIS TEAM ARE IMPORTANT!!

Sep. 24	“GCJHS Band Night” 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Band (perform at G-CHS football game ( <b>Optional</b> ))	6:00PM
Oct. 9	Riley Festival Band Performance @ Ricks Theater	1:00 PM
Nov. 11	Veteran’s Day Convocation (8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Band & Choir)	9:00AM
Nov. 20	All Region Honor Band Rehearsal ( <i>selected</i> 8 <sup>th</sup> gr.)	9:00 – 4:00
Nov. 21	All Region Honor Band Concert ( <i>selected</i> 8 <sup>th</sup> gr.)	2:00
Dec. 13	Winter Fine Arts Festival (all Bands, Choirs, Art)	Art @ 6:30, Concert @ 7:00
Dec. 16	Mistletoe Music Festival @ Circle Centre (8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Band only)	(TBA during school day)
Feb. 5	ISSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest (8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Band <i>mandatory</i> @ Beech Grove HS)	All day (8:30 – 3:00)
Mar. 18	ISSMA Contest (8 <sup>th</sup> grade Band) @ New Castle HS	TBA (evening)
***OR***		
Mar. 19	ISSMA Contest (8 <sup>th</sup> grade Band) @ New Castle HS	TBA (morning)
Apr. 21	Spring Fine Arts Festival (all Bands, Choir, Art)	Art @ 6:30, Concert @ 7:00
May 12	Parade of Bands (All G-C Bands, @ G-CHS)	7:00PM

Remember that good communication helps to solve problems before they begin. If you (student or parent) have any kind of concern regarding band, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Poncar. By the same token, expect to hear from me if I have a question or problem. Let’s work together to make this the best band we can! The best way to contact Mr. Poncar is by school email ([dponcar@gcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:dponcar@gcsc.k12.in.us)), or voice mail (477-4616 ext 43505).

*Congratulations on being a part of the ‘COUGAR PRIDE’ Band Program. We are proud of our long tradition of commitment to excellence and are very glad that you are a part of it!*