

To: Alki Band Parents and Students

From: Mr. Robertson

Re: Upcoming Performances

We are fast approaching the first band performances of the school year for the Alki Middle School Bands. The dates that are upcoming are as follows:

- **October 23** (Tuesday) Band Debut Concert – **all intermediate and beginning bands**.
- **October 26** (Friday) Middle School Night at Skyview Football Game – **intermediate only**.
- **November 8 – Veterans Day Assembly** (during school time) – **intermediate only**.

The **Debut Concert on October 23** will be held at the Alki Commons and will begin at 7:00p.m. **Students are to arrive at 6:30** and immediately move to the band room to warm-up and tune their instruments. Parents should sit in the section of the commons closest to the center of the room since the bands will be performing on the stage.

Students are to wear the band shirts that we have just ordered with black formal pants (ironed with a crease) and black dress shoes (no tennis shoes please). This will be our concert uniform for the entire school year. Please have students wear black or very dark socks (not white).

The concert order will be mixed with both bands, the orchestra and all choirs performing throughout the evening. Each group will perform up to three selections. I anticipate the concert being finished around 8:30p.m.

October 26 is the date of the **Middle School Night at the Skyview Football** game. The group performing is the Alki Middle School Intermediate Band, the Jefferson Middle School Band and the Skyview High School Band. The massed band group will perform at the pre-game celebration that begins at 6:45p.m. – 7:00p.m. The game will be held at Kiggins Bowl and **students need to arrive no later than 5:15p.m.** to prepare for the full band rehearsal that happens at 5:40p.m. Entrance to the stadium is through the lower gates that are located on the East side of Discovery Middle School. A map will be made available on the Tuesday Band Concert.

After the performance all middle school band members are encouraged to stop at the snack bar where the Skyview Band Parent group will provide you with a **free hamburger meal with a soft drink**. While the performance is officially over at that time, students are welcome to sit with the Skyview High School Band through the remainder of the football game if you would like. I will have you sit with the high school students that play your instrument and join in if interested in playing pep band music!

I would like to have parent volunteers help me check out the Alki Marching Uniforms for this event. Please call if you have time to help out during the normal band period (12:07 – 12:55).

The **Veterans Day Assembly** is currently scheduled for Nov. 8, but it is now appearing that this may be moved to a later date. Our choral teacher (Mrs. Hebner) is going to be out of town that week and we feel that the assembly would be better prepared when the choir teacher is there (as opposed to having a substitute teacher conduct the choirs). The new date will be announced as soon as it is set.

Please check the [Alki Music Website](http://alki.vansd.org/Classroom/Music/index.htm) (alki.vansd.org/Classroom/Music/index.htm) for other information.