



# EPCHSMUSIC DEPARTMENT

November 2024

The Music Department has been hard at work throughout October and November! The marching band competed at Marengo and Sandwich before transitioning into concert band season, the choir put on their Musical Theatre Concert, and the Drama Department put on a magical production of *Puffs!*



As much fun as those events were, the music department is hard at work in preparation for the Winter Concert, Madrigals performances, and Rock Band gigs!

Come see what the music department has been up to 



## Upcoming Music Events (November '24)

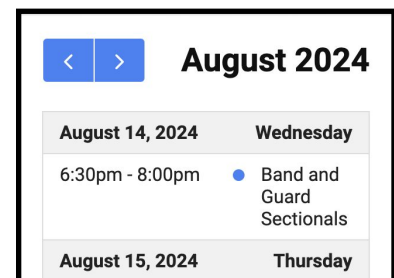
- December 2nd - Prairie and Pine Wreath Pick-up
- December 5th - Music Booster Meeting (6:30pm)
- December 7th - Madrigals and Rock Band @ Breakfast with Santa
- December 7th - *Cocoa, Comedy, and Carols* (5pm)
- December 8th - Musical Auditions (1-5pm)
- December 9th - Madrigals sing @ Art Show (6pm)
- December 11th - **Winter Concert** (Band & Choir - 7pm)

Always stay up to date by accessing our website:

<http://www.epchsbands.org/>



Subscribe to the calendar on the right hand side for the most current updates on the happenings of the music department!





# Music Boosters

Have you joined the Music Boosters?

The Evergreen Park Music Boosters support EPCHS' music programs: Beginning Band, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Combo, Jazz Ensemble, Madrigals, Marching Band, Percussion Performance, and Unaccompanied Minors. The boosters also provide scholarship opportunities to seniors and summer scholarships for underclassmen., *(you must be a paid Music Boosters member by September 30, 2024 to qualify)*. Thank you to all who have already registered and paid for this year! Registration link is here:

<https://evergreenpark.revtrak.net/mb/>



**Ways to get involved:**

We are always looking for parents to help at school events to support our music students. Here are some upcoming volunteer and donation opportunities!

**December 2** is the wreath fundraiser pick-up date! We need 4 parents who can assist with sorting and organizing during the pick-up process.

You can sign up to help here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4BA8AD2CA1FF2-52869815-wreath>

**December 5th** is the next Music Booster parent meeting - we will be discussing all the upcoming events in December, and how you can help!



**Join the Music Booster Facebook Group!**

This is a great place to stay up to date on all the happenings in the music dept.

Please note that you must answer all questions to be admitted to the group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/426026101343338/> Thank you!





# ILMEA

**EPCHS was recently represented by 11 musicians at the ILMEA District 1 festival!**

## Senior Chorus

Joseph Duffy  
Rosebud Summers  
Suzy Summers

## Band

Juliana Bosch

## Orchestra

Erin Wade

## 9-10 Chorus

Angie Bastian  
Kerry Brown  
Jamari Jeffries  
Ava Osterloh  
Riley Phippen  
Amaya Taylor





**And with that, the 2024 marching season comes to a close!**

Here are some highlights of the season:

# Band

**Megan Klimowski (11)**

“Facing my fears by going up on the podium”. - Zion McCadd, 11

“Sandwich and just being able to experience my first marching season”. - Isabella Crazybear, 9



Marching season may be over, but the band has just started! Right after marching season ended, we immediately hopped into concert season, where we have started working on the music for our **Winter Concert**.



The **Winter Concert** will be on **December 11th at 7pm!**



# Rock Band

By Mara Westman (9)

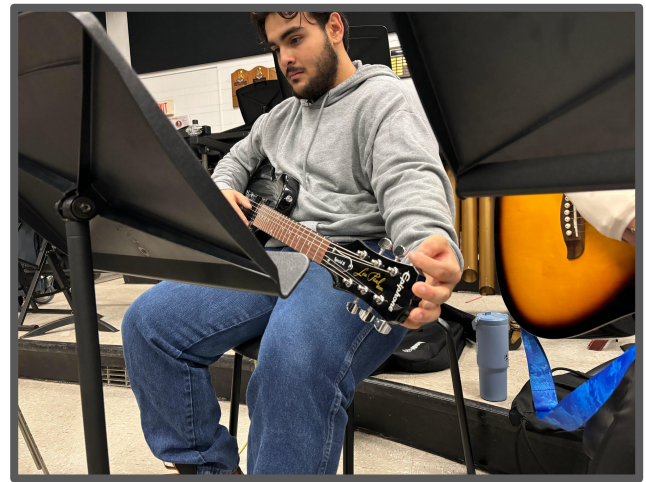
In the beginning of the year we started our unit on the basics of piano and guitar. We are now focusing more on drums.



We had a blast on guitar mastering the major, minor, and dominant chords. We've also learned how to play some pretty iconic riffs with power chords.



**Come and see what our Rock Band has been working on over the past couple of months at Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 7th and The Winter Concert on Dec. 11th. We would love to see you there!**



During our time learning piano, we had so much fun playing songs like *Lean on Me*, *Let it Be*, and even some old timey blues tunes.



Over the next couple weeks we'll be looking into the different styles of drum playing and the parts of drum sets. We'll also be focusing on how to read sheets of notes and rhythms.





EPCHS Music Department Presents:



# ***Winter Concert***

***Featuring:***

***The Concert Choir***

***The Madrigals***

***The EP Rock Band***

***and Concert Band***

***Wednesday, December 11th***

***7pm***

***Batho Auditorium***





# Choir

AJ Landry (12)



## What's been going on in choir?

The choir has been hard at work the last few months! A few weeks ago, they had their first gig of the year and performed at the **Veterans Breakfast** early in the morning to honor military veterans who worked in the US Armed Forces. That same weekend, they had their fall concert, the **Musical Theatre Concert**. The group performed songs from classics such as *La La Land* and *Big Fish* that centered around being the hero of your own, or someone else's story. The concert was incredibly successful and the choir had a lot of fun!

As we near thanksgiving, the choir will be preparing pieces for the upcoming **Winter Concert**, where the choral and instrumental performances are intertwined! Come out and hear some holiday tunes!

## Upcoming Events: Winter Concert @ EPCHS Dec. 11



**INTERVIEWS** - *What was your favorite song, and why?*

**Adrian B:** *City of Stars*, the solos were amazing and I loved singing with both lunches!

**Micheal D:** *Song of Purple Summer* because it's from one of my favorite musicals and I think the choir as a whole did a great job on it.







# Madrigals

Micheal DiPasalegne (12)



The madrigals have been working hard preparing for the holiday season! So far they have already had one performance for senior citizens before the fall play! Mads have begun preparing for this years feast! This preparation includes fittings for costumes and lots of hard work learning new music. This year has already been off to a productive and eventful start and we are happy to continue making music together!



## Upcoming Gigs

OSF Hospital Dec. 4th

Dicken's Festival Dec. 7th

Grinch Breakfast @ CMS Dec. 7th

Breakfast with Santa @ EPCHS Dec. 7th

Cocoa, Comedy, and Carols Dec. 7th

Art Show @ EP Library Dec. 9th

Bethel Bible Church Dec. 10th

Chamber of Commerce Dec. 20th



EPCHS CHOIR PRESENT:

COCOA,  
COMEDY,  
&  
CAROLS

EPCHS CAFETERIA

**\$10**

**7 DEC 2024**

**5  
PM**

FEATURING

**THE EPCHS MADRIGALS  
&  
THE FARCE TROUPE**

ENJOY A ROYAL NIGHT OF HOLIDAY MUSIC AND COMEDIC FUN  
ACCOMPANIED BY DELICIOUS DESERTS, SNACKS, AND WARM  
BEVERAGES!

[Click here to RSVP](#)



# Drama!

The Drama Department just wrapped up their production of *Puffs!* They put on 2 successful performances at the end of October.



## Mark your calendars:

Our Musical: *Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella* will run from February 28th - March 2nd of 2025!

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## Musical Auditions:

Sunday, December 8th  
1:00-5:00pm

EPCHS DRAMA PRESENTS



February 28th 7 p.m.

March 1st 7 p.m.

March 2nd 2 p.m.

Character Lunch  
available on Sunday!

