

# An Overview for Eckstein Junior Band “B”

Here’s a look at an average year-in-the-life for a **Junior Concert Band** student at Eckstein Middle School.

Junior Concert Band students have had at least one year of music experience prior to being in an Eckstein band. They add to their musical knowledge and experience by playing concert music selections daily in class. Emphasis throughout the year is on learning their scales (what about percussion??) and playing with other band members in a full sized concert band. As the year progresses, the choice of music pieces become increasingly more challenging and interesting, preparing them for the next level of performance in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Junior band musicians are expected to practice their scales and music at home on a regular basis. At the end of each semester, students will play a final scales test during the class for their grade.

Junior Band plays in two evening concerts during the year – the Winter concert and the Spring concert, both are held at Eckstein Middle School in the evening on a school night. There are no fees or travel costs associated with these concerts other than the required band attire for all musicians and the annual Enrichment Fee.

Families are encouraged to become involved in the Eckstein band program by supporting their student’s activities through positive reinforcement, volunteering for band activities, and helping with fundraising activities as their schedules allow.

For more information on being involved, appropriate band attire, the band event schedule, volunteering opportunities and fundraising activities, please visit:

<http://eckstein-band.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/>

## **Sample Calendar of Events and Estimated Costs**

### **Annual Junior Band Events:**

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| • <b>Eckstein Winter All Bands Concert:</b> Mid-December     | No Cost |
| • <b>Elementary Concert:</b> Daytime performance at Wedgwood | No Cost |
| • <b>Eckstein Spring All Bands Concert:</b> May              | No Cost |

### **Total Annual Estimated Costs for Junior Band Families:**

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| • <b>*Enrichment Fee to Eckstein Band:</b> | <b>\$50</b>      |
| • <b>Concert attire:</b>                   | <b>\$ Varies</b> |

### **Optional Events and Fundraising**

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| • <b>**Donations to Supplement Instruments:</b>                             | TBD         |
| • <b>Solo &amp; Ensemble:</b> per slot + payment to accompanist (if needed) | <b>\$20</b> |
| • <b>Raffle basket, baked goods and other donations:</b>                    | TBD         |
| • <b>Teacher gift donation:</b>   | TBD         |

\* Annual Enrichment Fees may be paid by check to the Eckstein Band account. \*\* Donations above the \$50 fee should be made payable to “AFE – Account #13415 Eckstein Middle School Band.” Scholarships are available by speaking with Mr. E.