



## **Prosper Band News**

**May 5, 2020**

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Have an upcoming absence? Please record it through our [absence request form](#).**

### **Happy Cinco de Mayo, Y'all!!!!**

I hope that you and your family are all doing well during these times. I can't tell you enough how much each and every one of your faces are missed as the days go by... students and parents, alike! It is hard to believe that a little over two months ago we were getting ready for our trip to Disney World all to be greeted by a different world upon our return. We are so happy that we have been able stay connected with many of you through emails, google meetings and watching assignments as they come in. It is weird to say but watching the Google Videos are some of our favorite times of the day. The effort that we have received from some has been incredible! Keep it going!

During these strange and uncertain times, we all have questions about the end of the year, the summer and next year. As much as we wish we could give all of the final answers, we have been dependent on what we are told which often changes from day to day. We all appreciate your patience as we all learn a different way of doing things these past few weeks! The good news is that we have a clearer picture of what the rest of the year entails and are ready to release information.

Hopefully, this email will help answer a few questions concerning the rest of the year. Now, please understand that some of this could change as we progress from week to week, however, our goal is to provide as accurate information as we can. Our mantra that we have been trying to follow since we have been away from school is to try to keep as much normalcy as we can in this abnormal time. With all of that said..... on to the plan!!!

### **Week of May 4th – May 10th**

- May 6<sup>th</sup> - RHHS SLT Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Information release on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Google Classroom Code: jpbixr5
- May 7<sup>th</sup> - PHS & RHHS Band Auditions Due on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm all through the official PISD HS Google Classroom. Information was released on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Class Code: ddgoeb2
- May 9<sup>th</sup> - PHS Concerto Competition Prelims entries due Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Information released on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Google Classroom Code: 2ibt40
- May 10<sup>th</sup> - PHS SLT Application Due on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Information released in Google Classrooms on April 28<sup>th</sup>. SLT Classroom Code: uacgdio **THIS IS MOTHERS DAY – TREAT YOUR MOTHER WELL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

### **Week of May 11th – May 17th**

- May 11<sup>th</sup> - PHS & RHHS Drum Major Audition Packets due on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm. Information distributed on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Google Classroom Code: ismp7es
- May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – Senior & Non-Returning Member instrument drop-off @ PHS near band drop-off/pickup area.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – PHS & RHHS DM Interviews. Times will be distributed once packet is submitted.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Concerto Competition Finals (online version). Students will be selected from prelims. Times to be determined by the number of students selected. More information can be found on the Solo & Ensemble Google Classroom. Google Classroom Code: 2ibt40
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Online Band Banquet (see information below)



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### **Senior & Non-Returning Pick-up Drop-off – [Google Form Link Here](#)**

We will be accepting school owned instruments and concert uniforms for all outgoing Seniors and for students that are not returning to either PHS or Rockhill HS for next year on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we will be distributing any garment bags and jug hugs as well during this time for those students. The concert uniforms do not need to be dry cleaned to turn in.

Distribution will be similar to what we have done before for instrument pickup. Band Directors and staff will be at the back drive near the slab to collect and distribute all materials. It is important that you note any extra things you are needing from the band hall in the Google Form so that we can have it ready for you and that distribution goes quickly to avoid any congestion. No student/parent will be allowed in the building. You will be able to choose your 30-minute time window for pickup.

All other students that will be returning to PHS or RH HS next school year will keep all of their school owned instruments until further notice. We will develop a time for instrument drop-off and collection at a later time.

[Please click on the following link for access to the Google Form for Instrument Drop-off.](#)

### **Band Banquet Plan**

It breaks our hearts that we will not be able to host a “normal” Band Banquet as we have done in the past due to the current pandemic. I would be remiss in not thanking all of the behind the scenes work that our Band Banquet Committee and PBBC Board Members have put in for this ever changing event and for their countless hours of work that they had already placed into this event before all of the cancellations occurred.

The Band Banquet will still go on as scheduled beginning at 6pm on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> but in a different online venue. We are encouraging all students and band parents to form their own “table” groups via Google Meet , Zoom or multimedia meeting app of their choice. There can be any number of guests that meet together but advise (through much recent experience!) that a group of less than 20 is much less chaotic. We are encouraging all to meet through your chosen online venue with your “table members” starting at 6pm to eat a meal, play games, tell stories or just to hang out. This is not a requirement, but an attempt to keep the band banquet as typical as possible. It would also be fun for all of the people at your table to “dress-to-impress” or to even have a theme for your “table” of friends! Have fun with it!

We are encouraging all students to take screen shots and pictures during this event and post on their social media account using **#prosperbandbanquet2020**.

Beginning at 6:45pm we will post in all Google Classrooms, social media venues and send out through Band News a link to our presentation video. We will have presentations from SLTs, Scholarship Awards and Director awards, in addition to a video montage celebrating our Senior Band Members along with all of the celebrations of this past year in the Prosper Mighty Eagle Band.

We are also putting together a “Band Annual” book that contains pictures, memories, and features of our Seniors for all band members to receive! We will work out a plan for distribution of the book along with all student awards and make that announcement as soon as it is finalized.