

Pierz Music News

...IN THE BAND ROOM

Our 9-12 Bands are now hard at work as they are preparing for our Large Group Band Contest that is held March 5th at Albany High School. Large Group Contest is a MSHSL sanctioned event where bands perform for a panel of judges, receive scores, and feedback from all of the judges and then are given a rank based on their scores! We are really looking forward to participating and the music we are working on will also be performed at our Band-O-Rama Concert that features all of our 5-12 Bands!

UPCOMING DATES

- Pep Band - February 8th
6:30 PM
- Large Group Band Contest at Albany High School March 5th
- 5-12 Choir Concert March 11th 6:30 PM - PAC
- Band-O-Rama Concert March 19th 6:30 PM - MAC Gym

...IN THE CHOIR ROOM

All choirs are well on their way to learning and memorizing music for our combined 5-12th grade choir concert in March, and are really excited to show you what has been learned! High schoolers who went to New Orleans came back tired but happy and are excited for a weekend to recover :)

KEEP IN MIND

If you are thinking you may want to send in your students instrument for maintenance or need any supplies. Contact Mr. Pohland if you have questions!

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A RECAP FROM NEW ORLEANS!



"WOW! WHAT A TRIP FOR OUR BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS WHO TRAVELED ALMOST THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA! THE STUDENTS HAD AN INCREDIBLE TIME AND HAD SOME AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES. THE TRIP STARTED WITH JUST HAVING THE EXPERIENCE OF FLYING, AS MANY STUDENTS WENT ON THEIR FIRST FLIGHTS. WHEN WE ARRIVED, THE STUDENTS WERE GREETED BY SOME TRADITIONAL NOLA FARE: RICE, BEANS, AND CATFISH. WHILE PERHAPS NOT THEIR FAVORITE MEAL, MANY OF THE STUDENTS HAD A GREAT TIME EXPERIENCING THE NEW CUISINE.

ON SATURDAY, THE STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR THE NOLA JAZZ MUSEUM, THE PRESBYTERE, AND THE CABILDO WHICH ALL HOUSED HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF NEW ORLEANS HISTORY RIGHT IN THE HEART OF JACKSON SQUARE. THAT NIGHT, THEY WERE TREATED TO A GHOST TOUR THROUGH THE CITY; THE SAME EVENING, THE CITY HAD A PARADE TO KICK OFF THE MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION, WHICH WE LEARNED OFFICIALLY STARTS TWELVE DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS. JACKSON SQUARE IS ALSO THE AREA WHERE THE STUDENTS PERFORMED.

ON SUNDAY, MANY STUDENTS ATTENDED MASS AT ST. LOUIS CATHEDRAL, WHICH IS THE OLDEST ACTIVE CATHEDRAL IN NORTH AMERICA. AFTER, WE WENT TO THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM WHICH INCLUDED A STUNNING 4D MOVIE EXPERIENCE OF WWII THAT WAS VERY EYE-OPENING TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES ALIKE. SUNDAY NIGHT WE HAD A CHANCE TO BOARD THE STEAMBOAT NATCHEZ FOR A CRUISE DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI THAT FEATURED INCREDIBLE FOOD AND THE WORLD-FAMOUS DIXIE BAND, THE DUKES OF DIXIELAND. OUR STUDENTS HAD A BLAST TOURING THE BOAT, CHECKING OUT THE SIGHTS, AND LISTENING TO SOME PHENOMENAL MUSIC!

ON MONDAY, WE HAD AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE OF TAKING A BUS TOUR THROUGHOUT NEW ORLEANS WITH TOUR GUIDES WHERE WE STOPPED AT ONE OF THE ABOVE-GROUND CEMETERIES AND LEARNED WHY THERE REALLY ISN'T A FINAL RESTING SPOT IN NEW ORLEANS. WE HAD A CHANCE TO GO TO CITY PARK AND GET BEIGNETS AT CAFE DU MONDE, AS WELL AS SEE WHERE THE CITY SITS BELOW SEA LEVEL AND WHERE THE LEVEES BROKE DURING HURRICANE KATRINA. THIS WAS FASCINATING TO SEE WHERE THE WATER WAS, HOW HIGH IT REACHED, AND HOW MUCH THE CITY HAS RECOVERED. WE ALSO HAD A CHANCE TO GO TO THE AQUARIUM, VISIT THE FRENCH MARKET, AND HAVE DINNER AT THE HARD ROCK CAFE.

ON TUESDAY, WE COULDN'T LEAVE NEW ORLEANS WITHOUT VISITING MARDI GRAS WORLD AND MAKING OUR VERY OWN MARDI GRAS MASKS! IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE HOW THE FLOATS ARE MADE AND STORED AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF MARDI GRAS IN NEW ORLEANS. WE HAD AN AMAZING TOUR GUIDE, PHENOMENAL BUS DRIVERS, UNBELIEVABLE CHAPERONES, AND OF COURSE, THE BEST STUDENTS! THIS WAS A TRIP THE STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES ARE NOT SOON TO FORGET AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ASK THEM ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES!" -MR. JOEL POHLAND, BAND DIRECTOR

