

WEST CENTRAL 8TH GRADE BAND

West Central School District
proudly presents

THE 8TH GRADE BAND

in concert at the
South Dakota In-Service Music Conference
and the
82nd South Dakota Bandmasters Association Clinic

February 10th, 2018
10:15 am

South Dakota State University Performing Arts Center
Larson Memorial Concert Hall

Mr. Daniel Eye, Conductor



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Humboldt-Hartford, SD

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"To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world"

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Dear Colleagues in Education:

It is with great pleasure that the West Central School District and the communities of Hartford and Humboldt present the West Central Eighth Grade Band! Our students have been preparing for today since...fifth grade. Director of Bands Danny Eye, along with a dedicated music staff, provide West Central students with excellent instruction and guidance in their music endeavors. The West Central Band program continues to maintain high standards in every aspect of the program.



The fine arts play an integral role in the comprehensive curriculum offerings at West Central. Parents and community members appreciate and show extraordinary support for our instrumental, vocal, and theater programs. The collective efforts of students, staff, parents, and community make West Central a place where the fine arts flourish.

The South Dakota Bandmasters Association has done great work to support band directors across the state, and our students are reaping the benefits. We thank you for affording our students this opportunity to share their musical talents with you today.

Sincerely,

Brad Berens

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West Central Middle School

705 E 2nd St, Hartford, SD

Mark Rockafellow, Principal

February 2018

To Attendees of the 2018 South Dakota Bandmaster's Clinic:

The West Central School District and Middle School are honored to have our middle students chosen to perform at your annual event. We are grateful for the opportunity to demonstrate our students' commitment to the performing arts and to showcase their talents. Our district's mission is *"To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world."* No place is that more prominent than in the world of music.



The dedication of our instrumental instructor, Mr. Daniel Eye, along with the assistance of Ms. Samantha Meirose, has inspired our students to commit to excellence in our instrumental music program. We are proud of the accomplishments and leadership of these music educators and how they have instilled a love for music in our students.

Mr. Eye exposes our students to various genres of music with varying levels of complexity. We believe you will appreciate the variety in the selections chosen and performed for you. We hope you enjoy the performance our director and students have planned for you today.

I want to thank you for the opportunity you have provided for our students. I hope you find both our performance and the clinic to be valuable professional development. Please use these opportunities as a means for you to continue to grow and to inspire young musicians.

Enjoy.

Yours truly,

Mark Rockafellow
Principal
West Central Middle School

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION:

“To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world.”

The West Central School District educates 1,140 students in grades K-12. An elementary (Pre-K-2), the middle school (6th-8th), and the high school (9-12) are located in Hartford. Another elementary (K-5) is located in Humboldt.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT WEST CENTRAL:

- 5th Grade Band
- 6th Grade Band
- 7th Grade Band
- 8th Grade Band
- Middle School Jazz Band
- 8th Grade Drumline
- High School Concert Band
- High School Jazz Band
- High School Marching Band
- High School Pep Band
- High School Drumline
- Percussion Ensemble
- Musical Pit

THE WEST CENTRAL BAND PROGRAM

The West Central Instrumental Band program includes more than 280 students and starts in 5th grade at Humboldt Elementary. 6th grade Band, 7th grade Band, and 8th grade Band meet every other day at the middle school for 42 minutes, supported by weekly small group lessons. Band activities for grades 9 through 12 are centered around the Concert Band and meet every other day for 85 minutes.

This is the third appearance of a band from West Central (1996, 2004) at the South Dakota Bandmasters Association Clinic.

THE WEST CENTRAL MUSIC STAFF

- Daniel Eye - Middle School/High School Instrumental
- Laurie Gratz - Middle School/High School Vocal
- Samantha Meirose - Hartford Elementary Music/MS Lessons/MS Jazz Band
- April Yocius - Humboldt Elementary Music/5th Grade Band

DANIEL EYE



Danny Eye, a native of Hanley Falls, MN, is currently in his 14th year of teaching and his 9th year as Director of Bands at West Central in Hartford, SD. His duties include directing the High School Concert Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Drumline, Percussion Ensemble and Musical Pit; conducting three middle school bands; and teaching Music Technology and individual lessons. In 2017, he was named *West Central Teacher of the Year*.

He earned his Bachelor in Music Education from South Dakota State University in Brookings, his Master of Arts Degree in Education from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, and his Master of Music Education from Northern State University in Aberdeen.

Prior to teaching at West Central, Mr. Eye taught at Russell-Tyler-Ruthton (MN), Parkston, Ethan, Sanborn Central, and Woonsocket. He remains active as a teacher, performer, adjudicator, conductor, and composer. He has performed with the SuFuDu drumline based in Sioux Falls, the Sioux Falls Stormfront Drumline for the 6-time IFL National Champion Sioux Falls Storm, and the Dakota Wind Ensemble. He has performed at the Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota Day of Percussion events. Mr. Eye's drumline compositions can be heard in more than 20 schools throughout South Dakota and Minnesota.

Mr. Eye has held memberships in South Dakota Music Educators Association, South Dakota Bandmasters, Minnesota Band Directors Association, and the Percussive Arts Society. Danny has been a Vic Firth Educator since 2006 and was on staff for the Yamaha Sounds of Summer clinics working along side Drum Corp International Hall of Fame members Dennis DeLucia, Tom Aungst, and Dave Marvin.

Danny and his wife, Nikki, reside in Sioux Falls with their 6 year-old son and 3 year-old daughter.

PROGRAM

New Era Fanfare (2013).....Randall D. Standridge
Grade 2+

This concert opener uses motivic development, pop rhythms, and bombastic percussion to make a definite statement.

Dark Matter (2016).....Nathan Daughtrey
Grade 1

Dark Matter is all around us. Thought to be the gravitational “glue” that binds galaxies together, no one knows what dark matter actually is. It is this astronomical mystery that sets the stage for this rousing work for young bands.

Salvation is Created (2010).....Pavel Chesnokov
arr. Michael Brown
Grade 2

A Russian Orthodox-style choral anthem composed in 1912 by Pavel Chesnokov. It was one of the very last sacred works he composed before he was forced to turn to secular arts by the oppressive Soviet Union. Although he never heard his own composition performed, his children had the opportunity in the years following his death. Its early popularity drove editors to produce many different versions in both Russian and English. Originally scored for either six or eight voices, the work is a communion hymn based on a Kievan chant melody and Psalm 74.

African Alleluia [Wana Baraka] (2014).....arr. John O'Reilly
Grade 1

This is a joyous arrangement of the popular Kenyan song “Wana Baraka.” The Swahili text for this song is loosely translated as “They have blessings; those that pray, Alleluia. They have peace, they have joy, they have well-being, Alleluia.”

Seconds Out (2013).....Samuel R. Hazo
Grade 2

The term “seconds out” is used in the sport of boxing just before the boxers are about to begin to fight. It is an order, by the referee, that all coaches, trainers, etc. leave the ring. In other words, helpers (or seconds) must be out. At this point, it is all up to the fighters to rise to the challenge alone. This piece provides a musical description of the challenges and victories of adolescent life.

Valley Forge (1943).....Karl L. King
arr. James Swearingen
Grade 2.5

Written in 1943, Valley Forge is one of Karl King’s most well-known marches known for its memorable Trio section.

8TH GRADE BAND PERSONNEL

Flute

Olivia Gates
Emily Hofer
Josslin Jarding
Karlye Maras
Abigail Mitchell
Kinsey Price
Chelsea Shumaker

Alto Sax

Zach Handberg
Emma Kuhlman
Hanna Lee
Regan Pilker
Derek Renken
Jenna Schoeneman

Trombone

Thomas Berg
Cole Schilling

Baritone

Braydon Eisenbeisz
Jareth Klaassen

Tenor Sax

Zander Canfield
Jacob Krempges

Tuba

Tristan Hawks
Gavin Koch

Clarinet

Maia Kennedy
Jenna Lueth
Andrew Rick
McKenna Sichmeller
Mandy Wolles

Trumpet

Lilly Atkins
Hannah Davis
Grace Harden
Emma Husman
Dylan Ketcham
Hayden Mammenga
Arriana Mausbach
Gage Nelson
Dillan Patterson
Braydon Steen

Percussion

Braden Dierickx
Liz Galpin
Jacob Michaels
Keighlor Nolz
Audrey Prostrullo
Blake Stark

Bass Clarinet

Makara Jackson

French Horn

Bryce Beaner

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