

Beginner Band Prepares for Band Night



GMS 6th graders practice for their first band performance.

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Band Director

There is excitement in the air of the Grenada Band Hall as the beginner band prepares for the first performance of their band career. The beginner band program at Grenada is growing by leaps and bounds under the leadership of Director of Bands Mr. Joe Presley. This year over 65% of the 6th grade class is in the beginner band program and they are ready to show their talents on Monday, October 20, as the band program hosts their annual "Band Night" in Charger Stadium.

In addition to preparing for their first performance they are equally excited about the opportunity to complete benchmarks in their band curriculum. This curriculum allows the directors to have a more personal relationship with the students and helps the directors troubleshoot problems before they arise. There are 40 benchmarks that the students must complete to obtain the title "Master Middle

School Musician." For each benchmark passed, the students receive a "star" to show mastery over that concept and benchmark. If a student receives 3 stars then they are considered to be a Level 1 musician. Every 5 stars after that, the students reach a new level.

The directors' goal at the end of the year is to have all of their students on level 6 or 28 stars. If the students make it to level 7 or higher, they are considered to be on a 7th grade level. Completing all 40 is an extremely hard task. Last year in the entire beginner band program there were only 10 students to accomplish all 40. If a student completes all 40 benchmarks they receive an individual trophy and their name is engraved on a perpetual plaque hanging in the Grenada Band Hall.

The band staff is excited and wishes the beginner band the best of luck as they continue to further their music education as part of the Grenada Band Program.

GCTC Recognized In AAA Magazine

GCTC has been recognized by AAA magazine Southern Traveler in their 2014 July-August issue in their article, "Automotive Whiz Kids." The recognition refers to the annual Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills competition held last spring. The competition is held to foster young people's interest in the automotive industry.

The article states, "In Mississippi, Kiren Morris and Cody Cahill from Grenada Career and Technology Center proved to be the best in the state with their victory. Their instructor is Ricky Jones."



Grenada Career and Technical Center students (left) Kiren Morris and (right) Cody Cahill placed first out of ten teams in the Ford AAA Hands-On Competition. GCTC Automotive Instructor Ricky Jones (middle) display the trophy won by the students.

GETC Etiquette at Orleans

Grenada Enrichment and Transition Center students (sitting l to r) Shavesha Ellis and Davone Roberts enjoy dining at Orleans Restaurant as part of their reward for good behavior. Orleans proprietor Diane Chidlow discussed appropriate etiquette and behavior at a restaurant with the attending students. Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault, back, encourages the students as they enjoy their meal.



GMS Showchoirs Program



The Grenada Middle School presented its first performance on September 25, titled "The Beat Goes On". (l to r) Hallie Kerr, Amelia Ferguson, Cinaiya Brown and Landon Hentz are members of the five GMS Showchoirs.

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Farm Bureau provided concession stand workers with monogrammed aprons. (l to r) Lyne Shack, Stephanie Fair, Tonya Wiggins, and Melissa Taylor prepare for a busy night in the concession stand.

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