**2018 Nashville/New Orleans Trip Band Schedule**

As you consider whether or not you would like to sign up for the 2018 trip to New Orleans and Nashville, please remember one of the main purposes we are allowed to go on trips like this is to perform. Right when we get down to Nashville, the concert band, jazz band, and marching band will all be competing, and the concert band and jazz bands will have other performances later in the week. Because of this, we will need to rehearse outside of school hours because there will be a band of students mixed up from all the bands, and we need time to gel. So, if you are signing up for the trip, here are the rehearsals you are committing to.

**Concert Band (all band students)** will be on Fridays after Christmas Break, 2:45-4:30. The dates are 1/12, 1/19, 2/2, 2/9, 2/23, 3/2, and 3/16. That is just 7 rehearsals to learn a set of music worthy of a competition. Students will be expected to practice their music outside of rehearsal to give us the best chance to be successful inside the rehearsal. Attendance is mandatory; those of you in sports can miss rehearsal for a game, but will need to be excused from practices for our rehearsals, so make sure you talk to your coaches ahead of time to make sure they are OK with this.

**Marching Band (all members going on the trip)** will have two rehearsals right before the trip from 2:45-4:00, on 3/15 and 3/20. The competition for marching band is a parade-style competition, so we will work getting the members going on the trip to be a cohesive unit.

**Jazz Band (all members of Jazz 1 going on the trip, with a few reinforcements)** will not have any extra rehearsals except for one TBA the few days before we leave. After the NorthShore Jazz Fest, we will have a few Jazz 2 students rehearse with our regularly scheduled times.