



Riverwatch Middle School

Carrie MacAllaster – Principal
Hunter McGee and Katie Larkin – Band Directors

8th Grade Fall Concert
November 15th, 2024

Images of Ireland.....Composed by Brian Balmages
Pinnacle.....Composed by Rob Grice
Disney Blockbusters.....Arranged by John Higgins
Darklands March.....Composed by Randall Standridge
Blazing Bones of the West!.....Arranged by Michael Story
Call Me Maybe.....Arranged by Michael Brown
Into the Dragon's Lair.....Composed by Jonathan Jaworski

Did you know..

The 2023 Riverwatch Symphonic Band performed at the Music for All Southeastern Regional Concert Festival at GSU as well as Carnegie Hall in New York City.

The Riverwatch Symphonic Band performed at the 2022 Georgia Music Educators Association In-Service Conference. Performing at the State Conference is the most highly regarded invited performance in the state of Georgia.

Riverwatch also had the most students from any single middle school make the 2024 All-State Band – 42 students total! This is the fifth consecutive year that Riverwatch has sent the most students to All-State Band from any middle school. The Riverwatch Band also had 100 students make the 2024 District IX Honor Band – for the fifteenth year in a row, this is the highest number from any school in the district.

The Riverwatch Band received the 2019 and 2022 Georgia Music Educators Association Exemplary Performance Award. This is the highest honor awarded by GMEA.

The Riverwatch Band was the 2017 recipient of The Sudler Silver Cup, presented by The John Philip Sousa Foundation. This is the highest honor a middle school band program can possibly achieve.

Riverwatch Band has been recognized on the international and national level by “The Midwest Clinic”, “National Band Association”, “Bands of America”, and the “National Foundation for Music Education”.

Important Dates to Remember

Saturday, December 7th – District Honor Band / First Round All-State Auditions
(North Forsyth MS)

Wednesday, December 11th – 6th Grade and Symphonic Band Winter Concert
(7:00 pm in the RMS Gym)

Saturday, January 11th, 2025 – Second Round All-State Auditions
(Union Grove Middle School)

February 7th-8th, 2025 – District Honor Band
(East Forsyth High School)

February 27-March 1, 2025– GMEA All-State Band
(Athens, GA)

March 15-27, 2025 (Exact Date TBD) – State Performance Evaluations
(FoCAL Center)

Saturday, April 19th, 2025– Solo & Ensemble Festival
(Riverwatch Middle School)

Thursday, April 24th, 2025 – 7th and 8th Grade Spring Concert
(6:20 pm and 7:30 pm in the RMS Gym)

Friday-Saturday, May 9-10, 2025 – Carowinds Trip
(Carowinds Park, NC)

If your student is interested in taking private lessons, see Riverwatch Band website
for a list of instrument-specific private teachers.

Riverwatch Band Website

