

# 2023-2024

## WHO WE ARE

The Hellgate Bands have a long history of excellence in band performance. From the 1960's, under the direction of Mr. Chuck Johnson, Mr. Richard Erickson, Mr. Carl Smart, John Combs (1980 - 2009), Leon Slater (2010-2022), to the present with Jesse Dochnahl, the Hellgate Bands have achieved unparalleled success for decades!

## THE DIRECTOR

"I passionately believe that music education is important to all people. Band students learn the skills needed to perform an instrument, learn about life through music (knowledge) and their feelings/ideas/concepts about it (affect). My goal is to help every student become self-directed, self-assessing, life-long learners and leaders, AND to find out how much joy there is in making music with others.

If you have any questions, please email. I'd love to hear from you! Thank you!"

—

Mr. Dochnahl, your band teacher-conductor

## ENSEMBLES

### WIND ENSEMBLE

The premiere band at Hellgate, the wind ensemble is the most advanced band in the program. Students must demonstrate high levels of playing skill to be a part of this ensemble.



The wind ensemble performing at the 2023 AA band festival in Kalispell, MT

### SYMPHONIC BAND

The symphonic band is the intermediate level band at Hellgate and is generally made up of sophomore and junior wind players.



The combined symphonic/concert band performing at the Hellgate Auditorium in October, 2022

### CONCERT BAND

The concert band is the entry-level band at Hellgate and is generally made up of freshman and sophomore wind players.





# ENSEMBLES

## PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

The percussion ensemble is made up of ALL percussionists. Along with performing lots of percussion specific music, members will also be assigned to play with one of the three wind bands.

**Percussionists must attend a mandatory drum-line camp during the week before school in August 2023.**



The drumline warming up before the 2022 UM Homecoming Parade

## JAZZ BAND

The jazz band is a zero period class centering on jazz performance, improvisation, and composition.

**Enrollment in wind ensemble, symphonic band, concert band, or percussion ensemble required before enrollment in the Jazz Band.**



The Hellgate jazz band performing on-stage at the Hellgate Auditorium in October 2022

# MARCHING BAND

The Hellgate Knights Marching Band is one of the most recognizable ensembles at Hellgate. The Marching Band often performs at Hellgate football games, at the annual bonfire in the fall, and in the UM Homecoming Parade.

**Participation in Marching Band is required for all enrolled band students, regardless of instrument or experience. Marching Band season begins in late August and runs until mid-October.**



The Hellgate Knights Marching Band performing in the 2022 UM Homecoming Parade



# PEP BAND

The Hellgate Pep Band is a volunteer group of musicians that performs at many Hellgate Basketball games. The Pep Band meets December through March and plays around 10 games each season. The Pep Band also travels to the State Basketball Tournament each year.



The Pep Band playing at a Hellgate basketball game in early 2023

## JOIN US

Are you a current or future high school student?  
Are you passionate about band and music?  
We want YOU in our band!

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