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# Emily Johns Earns All-State Band Recognition

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**Columbia, Missouri** - Emily Johns had the honors of earning 4th Chair French Horn at the 2016 - 2017 Missouri All-State Concert Band auditions in Columbia, Missouri on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Only 8 French Horns and 2 alternates were accepted to this prestigious ensemble. The Missouri Music Educators Association in cooperation with the Missouri Bandmasters Association, Missouri Association for Jazz Education, American String Teachers Association, and the American Choral Directors Association will present an All-Festival Concert at Tan-Tar-A Resort in January 2017.

Emily is the daughter of Kevin and Janet Johns and is a senior at Dexter High School.

She earned Honorable Mention at State her sophomore and junior years in high school.

"It has been a goal of mine to finally make the All-State Band," commented Johns. "I have been playing the French Horn for about 6 1/2 years now and I practice about 1 to 1 1/2 hours a day."

When asked how did the judges decide on your musical skill and ability Johns said, "We were given sheet music to learn prior to the auditions and then the judges chose etudes or parts of the music for us to play. We didn't know what they would choose plus we had to learn all of our music scales."

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## The Holly Jolly Pirates of Pinataville Performing TONIGHT!

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### The Holly Jolly Pirates of Pinataville Performing TONIGHT!

**Dexter, Missouri** - The Second grade classes of Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Mick, and Mrs. Nelson along with Mrs. Amber Duley, the Music Director of Southwest Elementary will provide an evening of entertainment.

It's "A Rollicking Musical for Young Voices" by Teresa Jennings and Karl Hitzemann. They perform at Southwest Elementary on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. This even is open to the public! Everyone is encouraged to attend.

A special performance was held today at 2:00 p.m. for the students at Southwest Elementary and teachers. Photos can be seen on the ShowMe Times Facebook page.

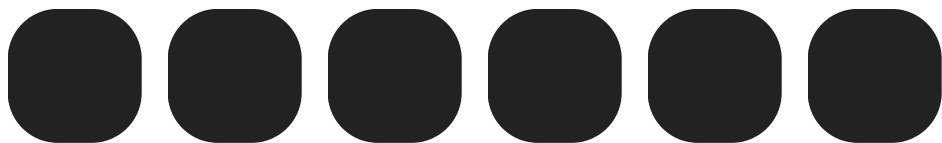
Songs are "Hola From Pinataville, Arrr!, What Should We Do?, Pepper Music, Forgiveness Is the Treasure We Seek, and Jolly Fiesta!"

Special thanks to Gabe Greer - Assistant Director and Lighting Technician, High School Cadets - John Smith, Blyne Goodman, and Haley Cornett, Pirate Ship Construction was made possible by David and Melissa Petzoldt, First Baptist Church of Dexter, Dexter Music Center, and Parents Teacher Organization.

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## Investigation of Potential Threat to Students at Dexter

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Many people were talking about a potential threat to our children attending Dexter public schools today. Amy James has issued a SchoolReach text alert and sent the ShowMe Times information to share with the public. Thank you for all your concerns today! Safety of our students is a priority!

"As many of you know accusations of threats towards our school circulated on social media over the weekend."

"Please be aware, an investigation has been conducted by our high school administration, the juvenile authorities, and the Dexter Police Department. There is currently no threat to our students or staff at this time. School is being conducted as normal. The safety of our students and staff is our utmost priority."

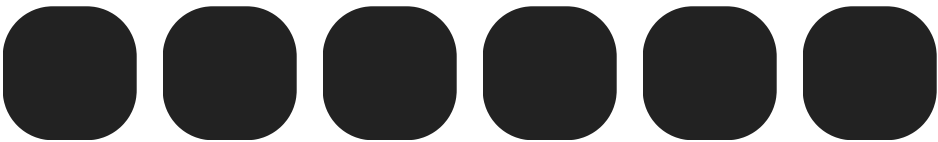
Thank you,  
Amy James  
Director of Special Services  
Director of Federal Programs  
District Compliance Officer  
Dexter R-XI School District

If you see a school or student threat on Social Media please contact your local police department. Save the image so the police may track it down.

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# Dexter RXI School Board Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2016

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## Dexter RXI School Board Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2016

**Dexter, Missouri** - Amy James, Director of Special Services, Director of Federal Programs, District Compliance Officer submitted the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from the board meeting held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge:** The Board President announced the meeting is to begin, ascertains the attendance status of all board members with all members being present, and leads in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved.

**Public Comments:** CTA presented updates of school happenings across the campus.

### **Old Business:**

A. No old business was discussed.

### **New Business:**

A. The board rescinded MSBA Policy GB-R1-previously policy GCE-R.

B. The board approved 12 semester graduates, pending completion of graduation requirements.

The board approved the bleacher inspection from Heartland Seating Inc. for \$1400.

The board approved the renewal of the umbrella liability insurance coverage from MUSIC for \$8404.

## **8. Discussion Items:**

Dr. Williams discussed the district's Annual Performance Report (APR).

The nurse's report was submitted by high school nurse Linda Milam and reviewed.

Administrator's from all buildings were present to give a report on the happenings in their building.

The next scheduled board meeting was set for December 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

### **In Closed Session:**

The board approved the following additions to the Substitute Teacher List: Joshua Link, Jennifer Slavings, Jansen Williams, Billie Stratton-Nurse.

The board accepted a resignation letter from Bus Driver, Regina Dowdy.

The board accepted a resignation letter from Southwest Paraprofessional, Tracy Botsch.

The board accepted a retirement letter from High School Counselor, Jennifer Miller.

The board accepted a retirement letter from High School Counselor, Judy Patterson.

The board accepted a retirement letter from High School Math Teacher, Linda Hill.

The board accepted a retirement letter from High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, Derek Urhahn.

The board employed Bus Driver, Brad Hann.

The board discussed the completion of an advanced degree and approved a pay increase for the payroll/insurance clerk. This increase is due to obtaining a Masters in Business Administration.

The board voted to approve salary indexes equivalent to their positions for the remainder of their 2016-2017 contract for; Gavin Miller, Nancy Langley, and Amy James.

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Southeast Missouri District 11 High School All-District Jazz Band auditions were held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at Jackson High School.

The Dexter high school Jazz Cats are under the direction of Scott Rybolt.

#### **2016 All-District Jazz Band:**

Zarah Olsen - Alternate Alto Sax

Shelby Smith - Tenor 2 Sax

Gracie Bess - Alternate Tenor Sax

Layla Brown - Trumpet 3

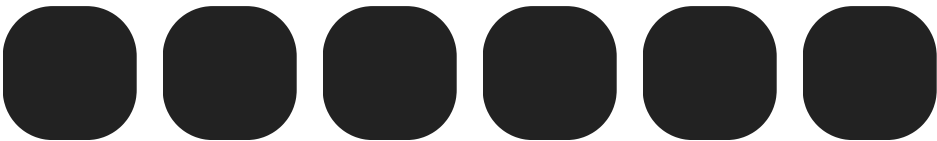
Olivia Collins - Trombone 3  
Dason Milam - Bass Trombone  
Alex Fitzpatrick - Alternate Trombone  
Sean Rybolt - Alternate Bass Guitar  
Matt Chester - Drum Set

Congratulations!

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