



MELISSA SCHOOLS

Melissa Independent School District

"A Special Time in a Special Place"

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Record number of Melissa High School students selected for All-Region Band, qualify for area-level competition

MELISSA, TX – Students in the Melissa High School Mighty Cardinal Band program competed Monday in Whitesboro for a spot in the ATSSB All-Region Band.

A record number of 29 students from the high school band program earned a spot in the ATSSB Region 24 All-Region Band. Five of those students earned the first chair in their respected section, and 15 students advanced to the Area Competition on their instrument.

This is the highest number of Melissa High School students to ever earn spots in the ATSSB All-Region Band, and is also a record number of students to qualify for the area-level competition.

Melissa High School All-Region Band students include Kealey Poole, Yadira Valdez, Emma Piyakhun, Jasper Murphy, Brienne Finnell, Oscar Villegas, Kemper Lucas, Melody Opdyke, Matthew Golden, Jack Greer, Bryce Norwood, Judson Greer, Tyler Wilson, Grayson Ross, Verah Banasky, Seth Russell, Elijah Bayless, Lauren Ernst, Caeleb Fender, Jacob Gallimore, Connor Sale, Cale Hayes, Brice Baker, Dalton Bayless, Camille Bogdan, Collin Caldwell, Jack Grisct, Ji'Quez Byas, and Aaron Vaughan.

Students advancing to the Area Competition will compete on Saturday, Jan. 13 at Argyle High School. Those advancing are Kealey Poole on flute; Emma Piyakhun on oboe; Jasper Murphy on clarinet; Matthew Golden on bass clarinet; Jack Greer on alto saxophone; Verah Banasky, Seth Russell, and Elijah Bayless on french horn; Caeleb Fender on tenor trombone; Cale Hayes on bass trombone; Dalton Bayless on tuba;

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Collin Caldwell, Jack Griset, and Ji'Quez Byas on percussion; and Bryce Norwood on trumpet.

A total of 68 students in the Mighty Cardinal Band program in grades 7-12 earned spots in this year's All-Region Band.

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