

The Terrell High School “Fighting” Tiger Band competed at the UIL Region 3 Solo and Ensemble competition on Saturday, Feb. 6th at North Garland HS. 83 students from the band attended the event with excellent results! Terrell brought home 78 gold medals from the competition with 40 students qualifying for State honors.

Students prepare solos starting in December, begin practicing with piano players 2 weeks in front of the competition, then compete for 1st division ratings. Most students play college level material and only have a minimal amount of time to put them together. Many of the soloists met with their accompanists only 3 times, most either early in the mornings or late in the evening.

“This competition is the most strenuous event for the band program because it requires many months of scheduling, preparation, and rehearsals. We begin work in December, just before the students leave for Christmas break, and when we return to school, we are at the band hall from 6:00 am to 9:00 or 10:00 at night until the completion of the competition. It really takes a lot of work and effort from our kids.”

Those students that receive a 1st division (highest rating) on their class 1 solo or ensemble (college level) and memorize the music, advance to the next level of competition, which is the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest which is held in Austin on May 29th. Terrell had 40 students qualify this year for that honor.

Congratulations to the following students who received a 1st division on their solo:

Piccolo: Kelci Cheney

Flute: Alesia Vioce, Adela Williams, Dona Walker, Annie Baker, Megan Kubvaruno, Katlyn Haas, Skye Miramontes

Bassoon: Omyra Mata

Clarinet: Rachel Harwell, Samantha Mahaffey, Melina Montellanos, Bianca Bosquez, Diana Ornelas, Mariela Velasquez, Liz Serrano, Hailey Whiteside, Kendreanna Gonzalez, Shelby Gonzalez

Bass Clarinet: Heather Striplin, Faith Kwarteng,

Contra Alto Clarinet: Dee Dee Robinson

Alto Saxophone: Carson Henry

Tenor Saxophone: Max Valenzuela

Trumpet: Luis Muro, Cheri Crutcher, Raul Caldera, Allison Hernandez, Victor Andrade, Lindsey Jordan, Bethany Trospen, Genera Romero,

French Horn: Tommy Jenkins, Dominic Fox

Trombone: Jasmine Wallace, Jamie Walker

Euphonium: Brittany Williams, Brittany Laster,

Tuba: Francisco Zarate

Snare Drum: Austin Thurman, Colton Kuhn, Anthony Taylor

Xylophone: Tyler Horn, Bertha Vega, Hunter Cheney, Melody Angell

Congratulations to the following students who received a 1st division on their ensemble:

Flute Quartet: Kelci Cheney, Adela Williams, Alesia Voice, Dona Walker

Clarinet Trio---Rachel Harwell, Erica El-Moghrabi and Samantha Mahaffey

Mixed Clarinet Quartet: Bianca Bosquez, Diana Ornelas, Dee Dee Robinson, Alex Rusky

Trumpet Trio – Luis Muro, Cheri Crutcher, Raul Caldera

Trumpet Trio – Victor Andrade, Connor Oakley, Cristian Valenzuela

Trombone Trio – Jasmine Wallace, Emmanuel Cobb, Jamie Walker

Trombone Trio – Marian Carver, Billy Howard, Mervat Kalassina

Percussion Ensemble: Ashley Biggins, Tyler Brittingham, Hunter Cheney, Tyler Horn, Colton Kuhn, Anthony Taylor, Austin Thurman, Bertha Vega