

# *What's Going on, Mann?*

Wednesday, December 9th

## A Remarkable Season Start for Falcon Basketball

The basketball season has started with a bang. Both the girls and boys eighth grade A teams are undefeated, along with boys seventh grade A team. The games have been a fight but as always, Falcons have prevailed.

When asked about the season, seventh grader Brooks Reese said, “Our toughest game was San Angelo Glenn because they had some good players, so it was pretty hard.” When asked about their practice, eighth grader Gracie Jordan said “We start off with conditioning and then we move in to drills and working on our plays.” Not only is practice time and game play important in basketball, but the attitude in which the game is played. “before the game we all get hyped up and huddle in a corner. We all start clapping and run onto the court.” says Reese. Knowing how to play and being ready to play are two different things needed to excel in basketball, and Falcons do both. Both the girls and boys basketball teams look forward to their city games and as always.

# Million Word Readers on the Rise

Students that have read one million words have their photos displayed outside the library to celebrate their achievement.

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Did you know, students who read frequently are overall higher achievers than students who rarely read? (Scholastic, 2020). Due to the pandemic this year, million word reader celebrations will look a little different. Despite not being able to have a party, students will be rewarded with their choice of a brand new book. Once you've reached one million words, make sure to tell the librarians. Before the close of the first semester, twelve students have already reached one million words. Keep reading library books and taking AR tests; you just might be next!

# Band Students to Spread Cheer Through a Virtual Christmas Concert

Mrs. Moore has led the concert, symphonic, and beginner bands in practicing diligently for their upcoming virtual Christmas concert. The songs they will be masterfully playing include, *Up on the Housetop*, *Jingle Bells* and *Jolly Old Saint Nicholas*. Anyone who's been able to hear the band practicing has surely been hit with the sweet sensational Christmas music. Clips from the virtual concert will be featured on the Mannouncements in the coming weeks for all students to enjoy.



7th and 8th grade concert band practicing “Jolly Old Saint Nicholas” in preparation for their virtual concert during 7th period.