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**Twelve Basalt Middle School Students Selected for State's Northwest Colorado Honor Band. Four Sweep First Place Spots in Individual Instruments.**

Basalt, Colo... Twelve Basalt Middle School students recently made the cut for the Colorado Music Educators Association District 8 Honor Band. Students competed against 17 other schools across Northwestern Colorado and had to submit a recording of a difficult audition piece. Not only were 12 students from BMS selected for the honor band, but eight of them ranked in the top three places for their instrument and four of them received first place honors as the most advanced student on their instrument in Northwestern Colorado-- more than any other participating school.

"These students have worked incredibly hard on their instruments, and clearly it shows," says Band Director Nick Lenio. "Music is such an important part of our school culture and learning, and we're thrilled to see how student effort pays off."

The Colorado Music Educators Association is composed of eight regions in the state. District 8 stretches from Aspen to RE-1, RE-2, over to Eagle, Craig, Moffat, Routt, Jackson, Grand, Rio Blanco, and Summit counties. Students selected for this honor band will gather on May 5th and 6th at Battle Mountain High School and perform a concert on May 6th, at 5:30 p.m.

The Basalt Middle School Band is a flagship program at Basalt Middle School. Over 50% percent of the student body or over 200 students participate and play a musical instrument across all four grades.

Honor Band congratulations go out to:

Paige Northrup - clarinet, 7th grade  
Tessa Conrardy - bass clarinet (1st place), 8th grade  
Emma Day - alto sax (1st place), 8th grade  
Sasha Brucker - alto sax (3rd place), 8th grade  
Tyler Ribich - tenor sax (2nd place), 8th grade  
Daniel Sherry - baritone sax (1st place), 8th grade  
McKinley Braun - trumpet (1st place), 8th grade  
Miles Elliot - trumpet (3rd place), 7th grade  
Jeremy Leibell - trumpet, 8th grade  
Brooke Atchison - trombone, 7th grade  
Eliana Durand - trombone, 8th grade  
Zoe Vozick - tuba (3rd place), 8th grade

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