



GLANCING AT HER MUSIC, Serena Stacy (above) played trumpet during band class last week at Decatur Community Junior High, while teacher Sarah Bricker (below) directed the 20 students in the junior high band.

Band students practice pieces for winter show

Music filled the halls at the high school last week as the junior high band students worked on music for their holiday concert to be presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Director Sarah Bricker said the students will play a jazzy piece, a song that depicts bugs, a folk song and a high-energy number for the concert.

Mrs. Bricker said she has 20 students in the junior high band class, which meets every day for 50 minutes.

In the class, she said, they try to work on different styles of music, a lot on dynamics, articulation, reading and playing the correct way. She said she also tries to teach the students music appreciation and sight

reading.

The students have been working on the concert music since the middle of October, she said. Besides the winter concert, they will also have one in the spring.

A lot of the students participated in the Kansas Music Teachers honor band in November and are also working on solos and other pieces for contests coming up.

She said junior high students are welcome to play in the high school pep band and also march with the band during football games.

These are a good group of kids, she said, who work really hard.

The band will be joined by the junior high choir students at the December concert.



WITH THEIR SAXOPHONES, Kade Brown (above left) and Megan Wentz played through a song during class last week. Next to them was Amanda Marshall (right) on her flute.



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