

M.S. Solo & Ensemble

Dear 7th/8th grade Band and Orchestra Parents and Students,

All 7th and 8th grade band and orchestra students have the opportunity each year to participate in Solo and Ensemble Festival. This festival gives the students who participate a chance to prepare a solo or ensemble (group, i.e. duet, trio, etc.) and perform it for a judge. The purpose is to develop the student's musical skills through preparation and practice as well as receive constructive feedback from a judge. Students who participate in this festival usually make big improvements in their playing and musical understanding by going through this process.

Preparation for this festival is meant to be done outside of class time. Therefore, students should be taking private lessons or stay after school for extra help.

The Festival will be on Feb 2nd at Rochester High School. Students must be signed up by Tuesday, November 13th. Money for registration is due this Friday, November 16th to Mr. Thomason. (Please make checks out to Armada Music Boosters.)

Cost:

Solo - \$12

Trio - \$18

Duet - \$14

Quartet - \$24

(Ensemble costs are total cost NOT per student)

****Many *solos* require a piano accompaniment. Pianists for the event usually charge between \$40-\$60**** If you need help finding a pianist please ask Mr. Thomason to help you find someone.

Each student can participate in up to 3 different events.

If you have nay questions please contact Mr. Thomason

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