

Florida Bandmasters Association District Concert Band Music Performance Assessment

Dear Parents and Students,

The GMS Symphonic Band will be preparing for the FBA District Concert Band Music Performance Assessment (MPA) throughout the months of March and April. The MPA can be considered the equivalent of the FCAT as it evaluates what the students have learned since they began playing their instruments in Beginning Band. The MPA performance is scheduled for Saturday, **April 24th** at St. Lucie West Centennial High School.

Students will be required to attend several rehearsals leading up to that performance starting in March. It is essential that students are in attendance at the scheduled rehearsals so we can prepare for a successful performance. Listed below are the scheduled practices. Please review this list and identify the rehearsals that pertain to your son or daughter. Rehearsals and performances are a required part of the student's grade, therefore, any excused absences will be limited to severe personal illnesses, family emergencies, or participating in a competitive GMS sport or activity. If there are any scheduling conflicts, please send a note at least one week before the scheduled rehearsal so that we can attempt to resolve the issue.

Mandatory Sectional Rehearsals for Symphonic Band:

***Percussion** - Thursday, March 18th – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

***Brass** - Tuesday, March 23rd – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

***Woodwinds** - Thursday, March 25th – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

***Brass** - Wednesday, April 7th – Brass – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

***Woodwinds** - Thursday, April 8th – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Mandatory Performances for Symphonic Band:

***FBA Preparation Concert (for Symphonic Band only) - Monday, April 12 - 6:00pm-8:00pm**

VBHS PAC (also including Storm Grove and Oslo Middle School Bands)

Please plan on meeting at VBHS at 6:00 p.m. in full concert attire with your instrument and music!

***Florida Bandmaster's Association Music Performance Assessment for Symphonic Band will be on **Saturday, April 24th**. THIS PERFORMANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT SO PLEASE PLAN AHEAD AND RESERVE THIS DATE FOR BAND!**

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DUE: Friday, March 5th!

I understand the mandatory rehearsal and performance obligations for my son or daughter. I further understand that each of the rehearsals and performances will count as grades!

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010

Location: St. Lucie West Centennial High School

Itinerary:

- 10:30 A.M.- Arrive at GMS for brief rehearsal/packing equipment (Please be on time!)
- 11:00 – 11:30 A.M.- Lunch in the GMS Cafeteria provided by the GMSBPA
- 11:30 – 11:45 P.M.- Load equipment and bus
- 11:45 – 12:45 P.M.- Travel to SLWCHS
- 12:45 – 1:00 P.M.- Unload equipment, students put together instruments and get their folders
- 1:10 P.M.- In line at the Warm-Up Room
- 1:20 – 1:50 P.M.- Warm-Up
- 2:00 – 2:30 P.M.- Stage Performance
- 2:30 – 3:00 P.M.- Sight-reading
- 3:00 – 3:15 P.M.- Load equipment and wait at the bus for scores
*Parents may check their student out with a GMS Chaperone at this time.
- 3:15 – 4:15 P.M.- Travel back to GMS

What to Wear

Students must meet at the band room dressed in their tuxedo uniforms which includes: white tuxedo shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black dress shoes, teal cummerbund and teal bowtie. Students must have their shirts tucked in.

Food

The GMSBPA will be providing lunch in the GMS Cafeteria from 11:00 – 11:30 A.M. Students should plan to eat during this time as we will not be stopping for food.

Parents

I would like to encourage parents, students, friends, and relatives to attend the performance to support the band!

Transportation Home

Students can ride back to GMS on the school buses or may go home with their parents as the band is loading the buses after sight-reading. The permission form must be notated correctly for the students' means of transportation home after the performance.

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DUE: Friday, March 25th!

Permission Form

I give my son or daughter, _____, permission to travel to St. Lucie West Centennial High School on Saturday, April 24, 2010 for the FBA Music Performance Assessment.

____ I will pick up my son or daughter at GMS at 4:15 P.M.

____ I will pick up my son or daughter at SLWCHS after the performance at 3:15 P.M.

Parent Signature