

## **\*\*ADVANCED BAND\*\***

### **DISTRICT MUSIC PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT**

The Advanced Band will be participating in the District Music Performance Assessment on **Friday, April 23rd, 2010 at 5:30pm.**

The band will travel by bus **ONE WAY ONLY** to Lake Howell High School. Parents will need to come, listen, and support their child and be there to take them home when the assessment is completely over.

Advanced Band:

- Students will be going to their **first 3 periods** on Friday, and then all go to "A" Lunch.
- Once finished with lunch, they will come back to the band room to change into their uniform and get ready to go. Please remind your students to bring their full uniform with them **TO SCHOOL** on Friday!
- We will leave Rock Lake at 1:30pm.
- After they arrive at Lake Howell they will unload the busses and listen to other bands.
- Students will have an opportunity to go to concessions if they so choose, so they may want to bring some money.
- **5:00 pm**- Students will warm-up in the band room.
- **5:30 pm** -Students will perform and be critiqued by a panel of three adjudicators who will give them ratings and comments. When the band leaves the stage, they will not be finished. Next, they will be sight-reading (usually held in the media center of the band room). In sight-reading, another adjudicator will listen to two selections of music, which we have not seen before! I will have three minutes to talk, clap, sing or dance the band through the music without playing the instruments. Then, when the time is up, we play! Yes, you can watch (although I will charge a small admission fee for the singing and dancing). After we finish playing in the sight-reading room, we can pack up and wait for the results. We should be completely finished between **6:30pm and 6:45pm**. so please plan on picking up your student from Lake Howell at that time.

**Question:** What is the complete uniform?

**Answer:** Black tuxedo pants, white tuxedo shirt (tucked in), black cummerbund and bow tie, black socks, black Bando shoes. Your student must be in this exact uniform. **THIS IS PART OF THE RATING!!!** All students must make sure NOW that they have their uniform clean and ready to go.

Due to the importance of the MPA, I would appreciate your help in the following areas:

- Volunteer to chaperone
- Remind your child of his/her responsibility to the others in the group...learn your music!
- Make every effort to attend all scheduled rehearsals.
- Encourage proper behavior at all times! We are representing our school!
- Have your child in proper uniform. This is part of the rating.

The MPA is a new experience for many of the students and parents in the band program at Rock Lake. I would like to briefly explain what we have been working towards. The District is comprised of all middle school bands from Seminole and Volusia Counties. The bands will perform three music selections that require weeks and months of class and after school preparation. The MPA is open to the public, and parents are encouraged to attend.

The ratings for our performance are as follows:

- Superior
- Excellent

- Good
- Fair
- Poor

\*The director's singing and dancing scores are not counted in the final rating.

I have read the District MPA letter sent home with my student for the District MPA  
**Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at 5:30pm.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can Chaperone, my phone number is \_\_\_\_\_.

**RETURN TO THE BANDROOM BY April 13th 2010.**