

****CONCERT BAND****

DISTRICT MUSIC PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

The Concert Band will be participating in the District Music Performance Assessment on **Wednesday, April 21st, 2010 at 1:00pm.**

The band will travel by bus to Lake Howell High School. If at all possible, parents will need to come, listen, and support their child and be there to take them home when the assessment is completely over (around 2:00pm). There will be busses to transport children back to Rock Lake

Students will need to bring their complete uniform to Rock Lake and check it in with the Band Parents no later than **April 16th**. It must be in its entirety and with the student's name attached.

- Students will be dismissed early from 2nd period to come directly to the band room to change into their uniform and eat a snack. They will board the buses at **11:15am**.
- After they arrive at Lake Howell they will unload the busses and head to warm-up.
- **12:30 pm**- Students will warm-up on stage at Lake Howell HS.
- **1:00 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 at approximately **2:15pm**.
- **2:15-4:30pm**- Students will listen to other bands and eat. Parents can pick up students from Lake Howell if desired.
- The band will depart from Lake Howell High School at **4:30pm** and return to Rock Lake at **5:15ish** (work traffic)

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!
- 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. Each band 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.

Student Name (Print)

Parent Signature

_____ Yes, I can Chaperone, my phone number is _____.

RETURN TO THE BANDROOM BY April 14th 2010.