

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS – 2009 SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

- Solo and Ensemble festival will be held at Markham Woods Middle School on Friday and Saturday, February 20-21, 2009.
- Remember to dress your best. This is a performance! You are representing your school and your band! Students wearing shorts, jeans or sneakers will not make a good impression with a judge.
- Please arrive 20 minutes prior to your performance time. Find the location of your judge's room, then proceed to the cafeteria to warm-up. Your accompanist should know where your room is. Wait patiently for them to arrive, then wait for the judge to call you. **REMAIN CALM.** The judge will probably be running behind schedule. They will reserve just as much time for you as the person ahead of you.
- Inform the judge who you are. The judge must be given an original copy of the music. Measures must be numbered. You are to play from a photocopy. Failure to do this will result in your disqualification.
- When you have finished performing, the judge will give you comments on your presentation. Listen attentively and thank the judge for listening to you.
- Remember to thank your accompanist and pay them accordingly if you have not already done so.
- Once you have left the performance area, you may wait to see your rating. Ratings will also be given out Monday during school.
- If you have questions or concerns, Mr. Hedgecoth will be located in the festival office. You are not permitted to enter this area, but you may ask an adult or student aide to find him.
- The Jazz Band performs Friday in the auditorium. Please come out and support them!
- Remember this is an educational and fun experience! Perform your best, and act your best no matter the result!
- **REMAIN CALM.**
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