

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO/ENSEMBLE INFORMATION - APRIL 21, 2018

We're excited that you have decided to attend District Solo/Ensemble! We know you've been working hard over the last month and will represent our school well. In this packet you will find a copy of the schedule to the Festival located at **Mona Shores Middle School** located at **1700 Woodside Rd, Norton Shores, MI 49441**

Here are some important things to remember:

- 1) Please arrive early. They try to keep to the schedule, but sometimes it moves around. If you are ready, they may take you early. If you are not ready, they can't rush you in until your time.
- 2) Please dress nicely. This is a performance and the way you look says a lot about the way you will play, about you as a person and the school you represent. Please no jeans or sandals.
- 3) When you arrive, you should look for the warm-up room for your section. There will be maps and friendly guides. Please tell the parent volunteer who you are so they know you have arrived. In that room you can warm up, but do NOT play anywhere else.
- 4) At your allotted time, a room chairman will take you into the performance room (maybe even Mr. G!) Take your instrument and music only. If your accompanist is still in another event (happens a lot), tell the room chairman. They'll wait for you to get your accompanist. You must have an ORIGINAL copy of the score with all the measures numbered for the judge **or you will be disqualified.**
- 5) If you are in an ensemble, a score has all the parts in a row. You should have your measures numbered in your copy too just in case you get off and need to restart somewhere or the judge asks you to play at a certain place.
- 6) Your piece should be 1 and a half minutes minimum **or you will be disqualified.** The judges are there to help. Most of them are or were band directors and are there to help you to be a better player. After you are done, they will give you tips and pointers and maybe have you play certain parts again. After you are done, go pack up in the warm-up room and then return to the performance room to get your original music back.
- 7) The performance room person will post a rating shortly after you perform and give you a card so you can get your medal. Ratings are: First Division (I) being the best, down to a Fifth Division (V) being the worst. (I've never seen a five, though!) You'll get sheets with written comments on Monday from Mr. T or Mr. G.

As you know, everything costs money and you are responsible for paying for your event. Please bring in the money as soon as possible. Please bring in cash or check to the band office. Make the checks payable to Spring Lake Band as we have already paid, but need reimbursement. The costs are:

Solo - \$10 Ensemble - \$8 each Piano Solo - \$12

If you are being accompanied by Mrs. Jen Rhodes, she is charging a very reasonable \$20 flat fee for all the rehearsals and performance. Please give her the fee at the event. If you have another accompanist, please work out payment with him/her on your own.

Be confident! Have fun! Ask Mr. T or Mr. G ANY questions before the big day so you're comfortable doing this! Have a great time!