

Tapp Middle School Bands

Solo and Ensemble Festival Information

Dear Tapp Middle School Band Parents and Students,

This year's Solo and Ensemble Festival will be held at **Hightower Trail Middle School** on **Saturday, November 2nd**. Anyone wishing to participate must return the entry form and pay the appropriate fees by Friday, August 23rd.

WHAT IS SOLO AND ENSEMBLE? Solo and ensemble provides your child with an opportunity to perform an accompanied solo and/or ensemble (two to five musicians) for an adjudicator who will evaluate the performance. Your child will receive suggestions and helpful performance tips for continued improvement. A student may enter a maximum of three events, (only one solo and up to two ensembles).

Before deciding to participate in the festival, please note that this event takes place on a Saturday and **you must arrange for your own transportation**. The actual time(s) of your performance(s) will not be known until late October. Any monies submitted are NON-REFUNDABLE, as the state music educator's organization will not refund the money to the school.

All music for Solo and Ensemble must be approved by Mr. Clark or Mrs. Celone. Students taking private lessons are to inform their instructors they have signed up for this event so that they may get additional help selecting and rehearsing the appropriate music. Furthermore, students interested in participating in an ensemble should talk to one of us about the combination of instruments needed to perform the appropriate ensemble music. If a student is performing a solo, it is required that the student perform the piece accompanied if an accompaniment is published. Recordings of the accompaniment are allowed, but the solo part can not be on the recording. The Tapp Band has several solo books that come with the cd/digital accompaniment.

AS STATED BY COPYRIGHT LAW, STUDENTS MUST PERFORM MUSIC USING THE ORIGINAL PIECE OF MUSIC FOR THE JUDGE. NO COPIES OF MUSIC CAN BE GIVEN TO THE JUDGE AND USING COPIES WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. IF USING A TAPP BOOK, WE WILL PROVIDE THE ORIGINAL BOOK FOR THE JUDGE.

All participants should know their preparation in this event is considered extra-curricular and students will need to practice on their own time AND in early morning and after school band. We will be happy to assist your child in before and after school band in the preparation for the Solo and Ensemble Festival. All students must play their Solo and Ensemble music for one of the directors before being allowed to participate in the Festival. IF A STUDENT IS NOT PREPARED HE/SHE WILL NOT GO! We wish all the participants luck in their preparation and performance.

Patrick Clark

Patrick Clark
Band Director

Christi Celone

Chrisi Celone
Associate Band Director

Student's Name: _____ will be participating in the Solo and Ensemble Festival at Hightower Trail Middle School on Saturday, November 2nd. I will provide my own transportation and I understand that all fees are non-refundable.

The total fee for each performance is \$12. I will be performing a:

_____ Solo: \$12

_____ Duet: \$6 per member

_____ Trio: \$4 per member

_____ Quartet: \$3 per member

_____ Quintet: \$2.40 per member

List the members of your ensemble and their instruments:

Ensemble #1

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Ensemble #2

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

I have enclosed the correct amount to cover the Festival fees.

**PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITH THE EXACT AMOUNT IN CASH OR MONEY ORDER.
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS Friday, August 23rd!**

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED : _____

I UNDERSTAND MY RESPONSIBILITIES IN PREPARING FOR SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____