

Mason Middle School Band



Dear Parents,

The schedule for the February 6 Solo & Ensemble Festival at Stadium has been published, and I have final information for all participants, including an attached a list of times for all Mason band student performances. Here are a few tips to make the experience more enjoyable:

- * Get a good night of rest Friday evening and eat some breakfast Saturday morning.
- * Dress appropriately, and avoid casual attire. (No jeans, tennis shoes, tee-shirts.)
- * Bring a bottle of water. If you get nervous, your mouth may go dry. Tip: Got cotton-mouth and no water? Try gently biting the insides of your cheeks (not too hard!) during rests to get saliva to flow.
- * Bring a copy of your music for the judge. (Ensembles need bring only one copy of the score.) Make sure your music is labeled with your name, school name, performance time and room number.
- * Arrive 45 minutes before your performance to allow adequate time for parking, finding your performance room, meet with your accompanist (if possible-- some of them are very busy) or ensemble members, and warm up. Most contests have a designated warm up area, such as the gym or cafeteria.
- * Be in the performance room ten minutes prior to your scheduled performance time and hand the judge's copy of the music to the adjudicator or room host before your performance.
- * Feel free to rearrange the music stands and, when appropriate, the piano to best suit your performance needs.
- * When the judge acknowledges that he/she is ready, introduce yourself by saying your name (first and last), the school you are from, and the title and composer of the piece(s) you are about to perform.

During this event, students will be receiving oral and written comments from the adjudicator as well as a performance rating. Ratings are posted around thirty to forty-five minutes after a performance. Don't forget, friends and family are welcome to attend!

Best,

Karl Ronning
Band Teacher