

Beer Middle School Bands Solo and Ensemble Information

When: Saturday, February 1st, 2014

Where: Rochester High School

What Time: Please arrive 45 minutes before your scheduled performance time. Parking can be difficult because this is such a large event. Students please do not spend hours in your warm-up room playing. It will make you more nervous. A good 20-minute warm-up and tuning is all you need. If you need assistance with tuning, ask your warm-up room chairperson.

What to wear: School band uniforms are required. Ladies, no short skirts or uncomfortable shoes please.

What should I bring? Students need to bring their instrument (in good working order), their copy of their music and the judge's **ORIGINAL** of the music (**both should have the measures numbered!**). Students are allowed to play on photocopied music. **Students must bring the judge's ORIGINAL, which cannot be a photocopy.** All measures must be numbered on the judge's copy and have the student's name(s) at the top of the music, name of school, and time of event.

What should I expect: When you enter the school, there are several information tables to direct you to your warm-up rooms. The information workers will give you a map of the school and point you in the direction of your warm-up rooms. The section number is the warm-up room number and the performance room number. The information workers also have a list of all the students involved in the festival and what room they should report to. Once you arrive at your warm-up room, please check in with the room chairperson. Soloists must have their accompanist present to perform their solo. Once the students are warmed up, the chairperson will lead them to their performance room after checking for their judge's copy. Once the student goes into their performance room, they must wait for the performance room chairperson to announce them to the judge. Once students are announced, they may begin their piece of music. After the judge talks to the students about performance, the students must wait outside the performance room for their rating. When the ratings are posted, students will receive a card for a medal if they receive a rating of I or II, the judge's copy of the music will be returned at this time. Students may get their medals in the cafeteria of the school. Concessions are available for purchase. After your rating is posted, you are free to leave the festival. **Please note: In order to be eligible for a rating, performances should be a minimum of 1 minute 30 seconds, so PLEASE time your music prior to Solo and Ensemble Festival!!!**

Where do I find Mr. Schultz? I will be working at the festival as a warm up room or performance room chairperson. I will let you know for sure what room I am in the week prior to Solo and Ensemble. Come and find me when you are finished. I'd like to hear how everything PLAYED out!!! Get it?