

September, 2008

Dear Band and Orchestra Families,

As a student in the Novi Middle School Instrumental Music Program, your son/daughter will have many opportunities to perform this year. One opportunity is at Solo and Ensemble Festival. This event takes place twice a year, December 6th and May 9th. I encourage all students to consider participation in these events as they provide a wonderful opportunity for individual growth on their instruments.

Solo & Ensemble Festival is an opportunity for individual students to perform a selection of their choice for adjudication. Each student or group of students is evaluated by one judge and rated on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the highest rating possible. Along with a rating, students will receive valuable information on how to be a better musician and tips on playing their instrument better. Participating students that earn a rating of 1 or 2 at District or State Festivals are eligible to purchase medals.

Important guidelines in choosing music for Solo and Ensemble:

- Music must be at least 2 minutes in length
- Must provide an original copy for the judge to view
- Measures must be numbered (I recommend lightly in pencil)
- If solo calls for piano accompaniment, then soloist must play with a piano accompaniment
- Music selection must be classical and published, NO movie or pop selections

Fees for Solo and Ensemble:

Solo	\$10.00
Piano Solo	\$14.00
Duet	\$16.00
Trio	\$21.00
Quartet	\$28.00

Please turn in money and form by **Tuesday, September 16th 2008** in a sealed envelope with the students name and Solo and Ensemble on the front.

Students Name: _____

Instrument: _____

Event Type (please circle): Solo Piano Solo Duet Trio Quartet

Preferred performance time: Early Middle Late

Names of Other Students in Ensemble and their instruments:

- _____
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Amount of Money enclosed _____