

Twelve Corners Middle School

8th Grade Band

January Solo Festival

October 16, 2018

Dear Band 8th Grade Band Families,

Your child is invited to participate in the Monroe County School Music Association (MCSMA) **Solo Festival** to be held at **Twelve Corners Middle School on Friday & Saturday, January 18 & 19, 2019**. This is an event at which instrumental students from across Monroe County perform a solo in front of a judge who evaluates each performance. Judges also provide suggestions on how each student can improve his or her playing. Students will be learning this music at their weekly lessons, but must commit to a practice routine outside of school.

Brighton's Music Department encourages student participation in solo festival because we feel that performing a solo can help students gain confidence and independence in playing their instrument. Students also receive valuable feedback from a fresh perspective. **There is a \$12 fee for students performing a level I-IV piece at the solo festival. Students performing a level V-VI solo have an \$18 fee.**

In addition to the \$12/18 fee, students must also purchase an original copy of their solo. This is because solo festival rules prohibit the use of duplicated (Xeroxed) music. Music usually costs between \$4 and \$10. I will send solo information home in early December, after we are sure of which piece they have chosen. Students who already own an original copy of their solo should see me as soon as possible so that we can double-check to make sure it is the correct arrangement, publisher, etc.

Parents will need to arrange for transportation for their child to and from TCMS for the event. Performances are only 10 minutes long and parent/child can leave immediately following the performance. Check your family schedule and please specify your preference for performance time on the attached permission slip. Performance times will be passed along to parents and students as soon as they are made available. Once they are set, they are virtually impossible to change, so please mark your calendars right away! I register the kids online, so the earlier you send in your permission slip, the better the chance that you will get your requested time.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this event, please return the attached permission slip to me by Monday, November 5th with the \$12 or \$18 registration fee (see second paragraph). **Checks should be made payable to: BRIGHTON CENTRAL SCHOOLS**

I am looking forward to hearing from you and appreciate the opportunity to help your child prepare for this special event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me! As always, thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Kendra Lamb

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

SOLO FESTIVAL

At Twelve Corners Middle School

Friday & Saturday, January 18 & 19, 2019

DUE BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

(please check all that apply)

_____ **YES**, I am interested in having my son/daughter participate in this festival.

_____ We have *no preference* regarding performance times.

_____ We prefer a Friday afternoon (4-6pm) time.

_____ We prefer a Friday evening (7-9pm) time.

_____ We prefer a Saturday morning (AM) time.

_____ We prefer a Saturday afternoon (PM) time.

_____ I will be making arrangements for my child to have piano accompaniment.* The accompanist's name is:

*Please note: I do not send students with piano accompaniment. If a parent or family member/friend is available to accompany your child, that is fine **BUT, I MUST know at the time of registration**. I will need to know the accompanist's name and I will need to hear the student play with the accompanist at least once (preferably twice) before the festival. I will be available to hear soloists with their accompanist on Thursdays from 2:45 to 4:00pm (by appointment only). Please plan accordingly IF you choose to have your child accompanied. ***Piano accompaniment is NOT required for participation in solo festival.***

_____ **NO**, we are not interested or are unable to participate at this time.

STUDENT NAME

PARENT SIGNATURE

If participating, please attach the registration fee (\$12 or \$18) to this form.

\$12 – Level I-IV

\$ 18 – Level V-VI

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