

March 30, 2010

Dear Concert/Symphonic Band Parent,

The end of the year is rapidly approaching, which means that our Annual Band Contest/Fun Day Concert will be here before you know it. The date of our contest, as announced earlier in the year, is May 6. For our Annual Contest/Fun Day, we will be performing at the Pride of Texas Music Festival in Plano, TX.

The cost of the trip is \$35 and includes:

- Individual Contest Performance Fees
- Unlimited Go Karts, Rock Climbing, Miniature Golf, Laser Tag and Arcade Games
- Pizza Buffet

Many of the students participated in our fundraiser this past fall (Fresh Country Meat and Fruit), so some or all of those students' trips have already been paid for. On the back of this page you will see the amount that your child earned for the fundraiser and the balance that is still due. The trip must be paid for in full by Wednesday, April 21 and Thursday, April 22.

As this is an extra-curricular event, your child must be eligible according to U.I.L. standards in order to participate. In other words, students must be passing every class at the end of the Marking Period 5. If your student is ineligible to attend the contest, there is no need to pay for the event.

A permission slip for the contest/trip is attached. Every student must have a signed permission slip in order to attend the trip. Please be sure to fill out both sides, and turn it in on the payment date.

Parents are invited to attend the trip, as long as they provide their own transportation. The Concert Band will perform at Amazing Jakes (831 N. Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75075) at 10:20 AM. Students should be at the MS Band Hall by 7:45 AM so that we can leave the school at approximately 8:15 AM. After arriving, we will unpack our equipment and begin to warm-up for the contest. After performing, we will have free time until 2:00 PM. We hope to return to the band hall at approximately 3:00 PM. Students will be able to ride the bus or be picked up as normal.

7th Grade Symphonic Band members may also attend the trip. However, they won't be performing with the Concert Band because their contest was March 31. They will still take advantage of all of the fun activities, and support their Concert Band friends as they perform. The cost of the trip, for Symphonic Band 7th graders only, is \$25.

Don't forget about the upcoming Sounds of Spring Concert on April 13.

Thank you for allowing your child to be a part of this fast growing program. We strongly believe that these contests prepare students to enter a very competitive world and that participation in a music program helps them strive for perfection in everything that life has to offer. Please feel free to call the band hall 972.427.6080 ext. 5619 or e-mail with any questions.

Thank You,

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