

January 9, 2012

To: MMS Band Parents/Guardians  
From: Mr. Williams  
Re: **IGSMA Solo & Ensemble 2012**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Believe it or not, the 2012 IGSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest will be here before we know it. This year's contest is scheduled for **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, at Chester Grade School.** **Please take note this is earlier than past years!** I am giving each student his or her solo/and or ensemble music, and information about pianists Brenda Morris and Jani Bryant. *Jessica Herring will not be able to accompany this year*. Both Brenda and Jani have done a wonderful job preparing students and accompanying them in the past. They have asked me to remind parents/guardians that **their accompanying fee for each student is \$25.00.**

**It will be the responsibility of each student to: (1) contact Mrs. Morris or Mrs. Bryant, or an accompanist of their own choosing, (2) learn the piece, (3) set-up rehearsal times with the accompanist, and (4) have their piece fully prepared for the performance on February 25<sup>th</sup>.** I am not assigning students an accompanist this year, it is their responsibility to call ONE of the two provided in this letter. Calls should be made to set-up times by the end of January at the latest!

Solo and Ensemble is a great opportunity for students to experience a few aspects of what a professional musician must go through for a performance. This has been a very rewarding part of our program in the past and I expect nothing less this year. **Again, Solo and Ensemble Contest is required of ALL MMS BAND STUDENTS!** It will count towards their 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter grade as stated in the MMS Bands handbook, and towards their eligibility for the spring trip to Kansas City.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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