

January 13, 2010

To: MMS Band Parents/Guardians  
From: Mr. Williams  
Re: IGSMA Solo & Ensemble 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Believe it or not, the 2010 IGSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest will be here before we know it. This year's contest is scheduled for **Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at Carmi-White County Middle School**. I am giving each student his or her solo/and or ensemble music, and information about pianists Brenda Morris, Jani Bryant, and Jessica Herring. All three 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.**

**Mrs. Morse and Ms. Bryant should accompany 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band members, as well as a limited number of 6<sup>th</sup> Graders. Ms. Herring should only accompany 6<sup>th</sup> Grade members, no 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. Please keep this in mind when deciding on who to call.**

**It will be the responsibility of each student to: (1) contact Mrs. Morris, Ms. Bryant, or Ms. Herring, 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 March 13<sup>th</sup>. I am not assigning students an accompanist this year, it is their responsibility to call ONE of the three provided in this letter. Calls should be made to set-up times by the end of January, first of February!**

Solo & 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 & 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.

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

Sincerely,

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