

February 15, 2011

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Parent,

As you may or may not have noticed on the MS Band Calendar, we are quickly coming up on MS Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Events which is sponsored by the Ohio Music Education Association. This event has been on the calendar since the beginning of the school year. The Ohio Music Education Association sponsored Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event is a very important educational growth and assessment experience designed for teachers and young musicians across the state. As many of you are aware, the Ohio Department of Education does not test music on the yearly Ohio Achievement Test. Therefore, we find it necessary and important to seek evaluation opportunities that will assess our students' progress. The feedback we, as teachers, receive as a result of our students' participation is essential in improving the instruction we give your child in the classroom on a daily basis. The date of this evaluative and enriching musical experience is Saturday, April 9, 2011 and will be held at Alliance High School. As in the past, all Lake Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students are required to participate in this educational experience as part of our music curriculum at Lake.

In order for students to perform a solo at this event it is mandatory that they be taking private lessons. The private lesson teacher will select a solo for your child that will focus on necessary areas of growth. The private teacher and Band Directors will assist in locating a piano accompanist to accompany your child on his/her solo.

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade band students have already been organized into small ensembles of trios, quartets, quintets, etc. These small ensembles will prepare music selected for them by their small group sectional teacher. Again, music is selected that will address areas of growth for all students in the small ensemble. These ensembles prepare for the event during the school day during their regularly scheduled sectional lesson.

We are very fortunate and appreciative that the Lake Band Boosters pay for ALL entrance fees of soloists and small ensembles as these fees are \$12.00 each for solos and \$16.00 each for ensembles. Transportation to and from this event will be provided by school bus. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this event to hear your child, as well as other students from Lake Middle School. Your child's event will be scheduled at some point in time during the day. The exact performance times will not be announced until approximately one week before the event. I can tell you that events are scheduled between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. We encourage your child to stay for as much of the day as possible to have the opportunity to hear peers who are involved in other ensembles or performing a solo. Because this is a required event and your child has already been placed in an ensemble, please send a note in with your child ASAP if you are going to be out of town so that we can move heaven and earth to fill your child's part in their pre-assigned ensemble. You can also send me an email at [kiblerrich@lakelocal.org](mailto:kiblerrich@lakelocal.org)

Sincerely,  
Mr. Kibler