



BELLINGHAM MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS

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Dear 6th Grade Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to request your child be made available for an additional performance that was not originally included in the concert calendar distributed at the beginning of the year. I would like to bring our 6th Grade Band to the MICCA Concert Festival at Bellingham High School on **Friday, March 27, 2015**. They will walk there with me and the 7th & 8th Grade Band after school, participate in the festival, then be released from BHS in the late afternoon (actual times are TBD).

ABOUT THE MICCA FESTIVAL

MICCA = Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductor's Association

Schools from across the state and of varying ability and age levels participate in this concert festival each year. The MICCA festival is just that: a festival and not a competition. School ensembles are adjudicated using a state-wide rubric rather than against each other. The educational value is of highest importance throughout the weekend. There are several performance sites throughout Massachusetts, and Bellingham is one of them. Each ensemble will perform three pieces while receiving commentary from three different adjudicators. Immediately following the performance, one adjudicator will hold a clinic for the students where they will have the chance to work with this well-respected musician/educator.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend both the performance and clinic. There is an \$8.00 admission charge for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students. The one-time admission is valid at all choral and instrumental sites throughout the weekend. Participating students and chaperones do not need to pay for admission. You can find more information online at:

<http://www.miccamusic.org/>

Please sign & return the attached confirmation by Friday, Dec. 12. Note: a separate permission slip will be distributed and need signatures as the date approaches.

6th Grade Band

MICCA Performance Acknowledgement

(a separate permission slip will be distributed later in the year)

Please sign below to acknowledge that (1) my child will be available for an additional performance on Friday, March 27, 2015; and (2) this performance will be added to the band's performance calendar and be covered by the policies set forth in the Band Handbook (reprinted below).

Student's First/Last Name

Parent/Guardian's Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

**PLEASE RETURN TO MR. GLYNN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
AND NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014**

REPRINTED FROM BAND HANDBOOK:

ATTENDANCE AT CONCERTS

The Band is an ensemble and each member is significant to the success of the group. Our concerts are the demonstration of our knowledge and artistic ability. It is imperative that everyone participates in the concerts. If a student is unable to attend due to an emergency, please email me. There is no success or satisfaction in spending months of rehearsal and practice and then not performing to see and experience the final result. Please consider this requirement carefully as you agree to participate in this course.

Not meeting these criteria may result in receiving a "fail" for the marking period.