



BELLINGHAM MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS

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MICCA Concert Festival Information

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Each year, the BMMS 7th and 8th Grade Bands participate in the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductor's Association (MICCA) festival. The 6th Grade Band will be joining us this year as well. Please read through this information carefully and contact me with any questions.

Schools from across the state and of varying ability and age levels participate in this festival each year. There are several performance sites throughout Massachusetts, and Bellingham is one of them. Each band 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. Seniors and Students (non-performing) are admitted for \$5.00. The one-time admission is valid at all choral and instrumental sites throughout the weekend.

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. You may find more information online at:

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

The times listed on the next page are approximate and may run slightly early or late. Please find the attached permission slip, sign and return it as soon as possible and no later than **Friday, March 13**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Glynn

MICCA Concert Festival Information

Date: Friday, March 27th, 2015 **Location:** Bellingham High School

Attire: White dress shirt/blouse, black pants/skirt, black shoes/socks
(normal concert attire)

Tentative Itinerary:

- 1:00 PM: All students meet in BMMS Band room. Change into concert clothes.
- 1:30 PM: Walk to BHS Gym
- 1:45 PM: Arrive, assemble instruments, and take group photos (BHS Gym)
- 2:30 PM: 6th Grade Band warm up (BHS Library)
- **3:00 PM: 6th Grade Band performance** (BHS Auditorium)
 - 7th & 8th Grade Band watches in Auditorium
- 3:30 PM: 6th Grade Band clinic (BHS Band Room).
 - 7th & 8th Grade Band watches next group
- 4:00 PM: 7th & 8th Grade Band warm up (BHS Library)
 - 6th Band returns to Gym, collects belongings and is dismissed. *Students must arrange for transportation home at this time. Alternatively, 6th Grade students can stay to watch other group performances, but must be accompanied by an adult.*
- **4:30 PM: 7th & 8th Grade Band Performance** (BHS Auditorium)
- 5:00 PM: 7th & 8th Grade Clinic with adjudicator (BHS Band Room)
- 5:30 PM: Awards Ceremony begins (BHS Auditorium)
- 6:00 PM: 7th & 8th Grade students return to Gym and are dismissed. *Students must arrange for transportation home at this time*

Additional Information:

- The group photos will be taken by a separate company and are not handled by us or the Friends of Music. They will be distributing ordering information in the Gym. Ordering photos is optional.
- Please arrange to pick up your child upon their dismissal from the Gym (6th Grade is dismissed at 4PM. 7th & 8th Grade is dismissed at 6PM).
- This performance, along with every BMMS Band performance, is mandatory as stated in the Band Handbook and a part of each student's grade. Exceptions can be made for medical/family emergencies only. For any reason a student misses the performance, every effort must be made to contact Mr. Glynn as soon as possible.

WE NEED CHAPERONES! AND VOLUNTEERS!

- We need about four adult chaperones for the times listed above. Please contact me immediately if you are able to help us out.
- Also, the Bellingham Friends of Music needs as much help as possible on both Friday and all day Saturday. Please contact me if you can help out for all or part of these times.

BMMS BANDS
MICCA Festival
Permission Slip

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

I give my student permission to participate in

- (1) the Dress Rehearsal on Monday, March 23; 6:30 - 8:30 PM; BHS Auditorium; and
- (2) the MICCA Concert Festival on Friday, March 27, 2015. This includes providing transportation from the BHS Gym once all students are dismissed.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Below, please indicate any information that I should be aware of to make this day as safe for your child as possible.

_____ Please check here if you are interesting in chaperoning with the Band, between 1:30 PM and 6:00 PM

_____ Please check here if you are interested in volunteering for all or part of the weekend with the Bellingham Friends of Music. Exact times will be discussed later.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO MR. GLYNN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 13.

-NOTICE-

We have a **MICCA Dress Rehearsal** for band students in grades 7, 8, and high school (no 6th grade) on:

**Monday, March 23, 2015
from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

on stage at BHS. All 7th & 8th Grade students must attend. Students who need to be excused must submit a parent note to Mr. Glynn by Friday, March 13 in order to be excused. An alternate assignment must be completed for make-up credit.

students do not need to wear concert attire for this rehearsal