

Merrimack Middle School
PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

The Merrimack Middle School Concert Band will be participating in the **NHMEA Large Group Festival** on **Saturday, March 9, 2019**. The festival will be held at Goffstown HS. This is a required event for all band members. A detailed schedule is attached. Please keep schedule/info sheet for future reference!

We will need several chaperones to ride the buses and also 1-2 vehicles to transport large percussion equipment and/or large wind instruments. Please indicate below if you would like to help.

Concert Dress: Boys – white button-down shirt (tucked in) with collar, black pants, black socks, black shoes, tie
Girls – white shirt, black skirt (preferably) or pants, black shoes
No Jeans or Sneakers! No “accent” colors!

This form must be filled out completely and **returned to Mrs. Levine by Friday, Feb. 8th**. No student will be allowed to participate without a completed authorization form. Permission slips will not be accepted the day of the event. Again, this is a required performance and students will receive a grade for their participation. Appropriate concert dress is also required. All school rules and dress code policies apply.

Please do NOT detach

In case of an emergency, please contact:

Name

Home Phone

Work Phone/Cell:

Family Physician:

Phone

Please list any **special medical conditions** of your child: (bee sting allergy, asthma, motion sickness etc.)

Statement of Consent:

I give _____ (child's full name) my consent to participate in this event. In doing so, I agree to the following:

1. In case of a medical emergency and none of the persons named above can be reached, I grant the chaperones the right to authorize medical care.
2. I agree that my child will not be allowed to participate further if he/she does not adhere to established standards of conduct.
3. The school is not responsible for damage or loss of property personally owned by my child.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

email

Please indicate below if you can help!

_____ I would like to chaperone one of the buses.

_____ I have a van/SUV/car (indicate) and can transport large percussion equipment or other equipment.

NHMEA Large Group Festival
Saturday, March 9, 2019
Goffstown High School
(all times are approximate)

9:45-10:45 – Rehearsal at MMS (please arrive in your Concert Dress)
10:45-11:00 – Pack up, load buses, leave
11:30 – Arrive Goffstown HS, unload, set up percussion equipment
12:00 – Mountain View Middle School 7th/8th Grade Performance (watch)
12:45 – Concert Band Warm Up and Sight Reading
*****1:30 – Concert Band Performance*** followed by Clinic**
2:15 – Pack up, load buses, leave
2:45 – Approximate arrival back at MMS, unload equipment, students dismissed! Have a Great Weekend!

Concert Dress: Black and White!

Boys: white button-down shirt (tucked in) with collar, black pants, black socks, black shoes, tie
Girls: white shirt, black skirt (preferably) or pants, black shoes
Please, no jeans or sneakers; no “accent” colors; all school dress code rules apply

Other:

- Please do not bring valuables as they may be unattended for periods of time.
- Students may bring a snack to eat after rehearsal at MMS or on the bus.
- At all times, students will be expected to follow instructions and behave appropriately.
- This festival is a great experience for our students. They have been working hard and are challenging themselves with the music. This event gives them a chance to get feedback and suggestions from other professional music educators. Also, students have the opportunity to hear a different middle school band, enhancing their musical experience even more!
- The Concert Band will be playing for a rating and is required to sight read.
- This is a required school event for all band members. Students will receive a grade for their participation.
- After the event, students may be dismissed to leave with parents – Mrs. Levine must have a notice in advance (PRIOR to boarding the bus in the morning). When the sight reading, performance, and clinic have all been completed, students will pack up. Then, parents/students may see me and students will be released to his/her parent. Please be sure I have your note before getting on the bus Saturday morning. Your attention to this and your patience with the dismissal process is greatly appreciated.
- For students riding the bus back to MMS, please have a ride home **pre-arranged and waiting** at MMS at the designated time (see above).
- Parents, please feel free to come listen to the performance! You will be proud of your children!

• **This is a state-run festival and not a concert.** All performances are free and open to the public but **performance hall doors will be locked during each performance. No one will be allowed to enter or leave the auditorium until after a full performance is completed.** PARENTS SHOULD ARRIVE **EARLY** and be quiet while waiting to enter the performance hall. These are festival rules. Please plan accordingly.

- **FYI – Cavalcade of Bands Concert – Thursday, March 28th (note date change!) at MHS; arrival time 5:45 pm. Required event, appropriate Concert Dress required (snow date 4/2/19)**