



Hampton Cove Middle School Band

Emily Parker, Director

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Dear Parents,

Our beginning band students have been learning how to prepare a solo on their instruments this semester. Each year, we have each student perform a solo on their instrument for our annual Solo Project. Students have two options:

- 1) To perform their solo for their class
- 2) To perform their solo for a judge at the Solo & Ensemble Festival on Saturday, April 11 at Liberty Middle School.

Students who choose to participate in Solo and Ensemble at Liberty Middle School will be assigned a time to perform. *If you need an early/late assigned time, please notate that on the form below and we will do our best to accommodate your request.* There is a \$5 registration fee for all students who choose this option. (Percussion students may choose to do a bell solo OR a snare solo OR both if they wish. Only one solo is required.)

We will learn three solos (easy/medium/challenging) and a duet/trio in class and review it each week. Students may also speak to Ms. Parker if they would like to try an alternate piece.

Please know that all of the judges are encouraging and want to support band students as they progress on their instruments. If the judge gives the soloist a superior rating, they will receive a medal. We highly encourage our band students to perform for the judge if at all possible! It is a great opportunity!

Students who would like an extra challenge can also sign up for a duet/trio with friends/classmates. This is not required - but is an optional opportunity. This is an additional \$5 cost for each student. We want to encourage you to be sure you have time to practice together if you choose this option. (Again, we are only asking students to do one solo for their grade. The duet/trio is an additional option for students who would like the chance to compete and earn an additional medal.)

Please complete the form below with your plan for our solo project. **Please return all forms (and payment if applicable) by Wednesday, March 25.** We will be working on this music together in class. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Parker at emily.parker@hsv-k12.org.

Thank you for your support of the HCMS Bands! We are very proud of our students and their progress!

HCMS Beginning Band Solo Project

Student Name: _____

Instrument: _____

_____ I will be participating in Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, April 11 at Liberty Middle School.

(There is a \$5 cost to perform for the judge.)

_____ I will be playing my solo for my band class. (There is no cost to perform for the band class.)

OPTIONAL:

_____ I would like to also perform a duet/trio for Solo and Ensemble with this/these classmate(s):

SPECIAL TIME REQUESTS: EARLY LATE OTHER: _____

For students participating in Solo & Ensemble, please enclose the \$5 registration fee for your solo (and a \$5 fee for the duet if applicable). Remember that you are responsible for providing your own transportation to and from the Solo and Ensemble festival on April 11.

Parent Signature: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ CASH _____ CHECK NO. _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE HCMS BAND ROOM

NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.