

Solo & Ensemble Contest

This letter is going out to all fifth & sixth grade band members. It is a requirement at HMS that all fifth & sixth grade band members go to solo contest.

- DATE: March 8th
- PLACE: Freeburg Grade School
- TIME: All students will have different times. I do not get these times until about a week before contest. I will send out that information when I get it.
- MUSIC: All students have been given their music. They can use their music at contest if they are playing an instrument. Vocal entries must be memorized.
- ACCOMPANIST: The solo is accompanied by a piano part. If you know someone who would like to play for your child, please let me know. Otherwise I will arrange to have a piano player for you. **There is a \$10 fee for the school accompanists.** They will meet with your student a couple times before contest during the school day.
- SOLO FEE: **There is a \$4.00 fee for the solo.** It helps to cover the cost of the judges and the building on the day of contest.
- **MONEY DUE: Please turn in fees by Friday, Feb. 1.**
- WHAT TO WEAR: You should dress nicely. You are giving a performance. Think Sunday best.
- TRANSPORTATION: None is provided. You will have to make your own arrangements.
- I can arrange extra lessons. Please have your student talk to me if they feel they need more lesson time to prepare.

- **HAVE A COMPUTER AND WANT TO HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE?** A new amazing computer program can be downloaded for free. It is called Finale Performance Assessment 2.0. This program will play your child's solo along with them at home as well as grade their performance. You must download the program first. After you download the program to your computer, I will send you your child's solo on a floppy disk. If you want the program to grade the solo, you will need a microphone.

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To Get Finale Performance Assessment 2.0 for Windows...

- Go to this website
http://www.finalemusic.com/downloads/download_file.asp?id=297
- Click on "create account". After you create an account, it will bring you to the download page.

- Click on download. Follow instructions form there. You will not have anything to open until I e-mail or give you a disk of your part to open.

If you have any other questions, please call me at school, 233-1054, ext. 521

Thanks

Mrs. Wheelan