

North Polk – Solo & Ensemble Festival

Thursday, February 25, 2010 High School

Mrs. Beeman (Middle School Director) and I did our best to accommodate requests that we received in advance and also trying to keep siblings close together. We also had to consider the availability of accompanists and students performing in multiple performances. If your child's assigned time does not work for your family, please contact me ASAP and I will try and find a different time. Thank you for your flexibility and support!

We are also looking for volunteers to help with this festival, please e-mail Dana Van Roekel (Music Booster Volunteer Organizer): "dvanroekel@soiowa.org".

Students have been working hard on their music since January and look forward to performing for you!

Sincerely,
© Mrs. Menke

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NOTE: a concession stand will be available throughout the afternoon/evening with pizza, snacks and drinks!

To help your child have a great performance, please carefully read the information below. Friends and family are welcome to come, listen, and cheer on the students and all their hard work!

**** Students need to be present for their performance time(s) ONLY, they do not need to stay for the entire 3+ hour event.**

GENERAL TIME SCHEDULE – PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE ON BACK →

1. Students should **arrive AT LEAST 15 – 20 minutes before their performance time.**
2. Go to the LUNCH room. Put instruments together and leave coats, bags and cases in LUNCH room. **DO NOT** play instruments in the LUNCH room.
3. Go to the BAND room to warm-up
 - Ensembles – tune your group*
 - Clarinets & Saxophones - do you have a good reed?*
 - Trumpets & Trombones - are you valves/slide oiled?*
 - did you empty your spit?*
 - Percussionists – check with Mrs. Menke about which instruments you can use or will need to bring from home*
4. **Report to the performance center 5 minutes before your time** (do you have music?)
 - * Wait until the door person gives you the okay to go in
 - * Check your music stand height
 - * *Solos* – play tuning note with piano
 - * Stand up tall
 - * Wait for the judge to tell you to play
 - * Announce your name(s) and song title:

EXAMPLE: "My name is _____ and I will be **performing** _____."

* Take a big breath, relax and play your best! **I AM PROUD OF YOU!**

5. Don't forget to bow to the audience when you finish. The judge may want to talk to you after you are done and give you some helpful tips.
6. Exit the room with your music!
7. Go back to the LUNCH room and put everything away, whew! You're done!!
8. Ratings will be posted about every 10 – 15 minutes in the LUNCH room.
9. You may go listen to other students performing if it is okay with them. Remember to be respectful to all performers and keep voices quiet while in the hallways.
10. **There will be a concession stand in the lunch room available with pizza, snacks & drinks.**
11. Before you leave, make sure you have everything. **Have a great night, you deserve it!** You will receive your certificate and ribbon tomorrow.

Mrs. Menke, Mrs. Beeman (MS Band Director) and/or Mrs. Spohnheimer (HS Band Director) will be in the teacher's lounge (by the lunchroom) if you need help!