

Solo and Ensemble
Saturday, October 12th, 2019
Hightower Trail Middle School

Dear Parents and Students,

The Georgia Music Educators Association is sponsoring their annual Solo and Ensemble Festival this year on Saturday, October 12th at Simpson Middle School. This is an opportunity for string players to form their own small groups or to perform a solo before a judge. Students must schedule their own rehearsal times outside of orchestra class. We will be available to assist groups and soloists before school from 8:05 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. and after school until 4:55 p.m. on the days that we are open. Please turn in your fees when we have approved your group instrumentation.

Individual musicianship is most readily developed in these small groups. Ensembles are also a great way to introduce students to chamber music. Students prepare pieces with our help or that of a private instructor. Each student performing a solo or ensemble receives a rating and comments from a qualified adjudicator. Solo performers MUST have a piano accompanist or recorded accompaniment or their rating will be reduced.

Suitable music is available at school or you may purchase your own. We will help with these selections to make sure they are appropriate.

Entry fees are:

\$12 for each solo

\$12 per ensemble - \$6 each for 2 person group

\$4 each for 3 person group

\$3 each for 4 person group

\$2.40 each for 5 person group

\$2 each for 6 person group

Each student is allowed to participate in a maximum of 2 ensembles and 1 solo, however, remember that all groups will require rehearsal time.

All forms and money are due Wednesday, September 4TH
Make checks payable to Hightower Trail MS

Please put your child's name on the check. If you are sending cash, please make exact change. Money must be turned in to the school vault in an envelope labeled with your child's name, homeroom teacher, and "orchestra solo and ensemble." The attached registration form should be placed in the student's class folder (located in the orchestra hallway in the red folder holder). We hope many students will take advantage of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Michael Tompkins and Paul O'Keefe

Solo and Ensemble Registration Form

I give my child _____ permission to participate in the Solo and Ensemble Festival I have sent the total fee for all events.

I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING MY CHILD TO AND FROM SPRAYBERRY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THIS EVENT. I WILL ALSO TRANSPORT THE SCHOOL CELLO OR BASS (IF NEEDED) AND RETURN IT TO SCHOLLO ON THE MONDAY FOLLOWING FTHE FESTIVAL.

Parent Signature/date _____

Solo/Ensemble Information

Name _____ Instrument _____

Circle Choices: Solo Ensemble
ALL members must pay to be included with a group.

Name of students in the group:

Title of Music _____ Composer _____

Please use one form per title.