

McCleskey Middle School Seventh and Eighth Grade Symphonic Band Camp Information

January 8, 2020

Dear Seventh Eighth Grade Band Parents and Students:

We have finally received information concerning our upcoming band camp. This year's camp will be at McCleskey Middle School on January 31 and February 1 and will involve all seventh and eighth grade Symphonic Band students.

During the camp, the students will work with their class on music that will be performed at our upcoming Large Group Performance Evaluation. A guest conductor will work with the students and give feedback and instruction that will help make their performance at LGPE truly outstanding. Sectional rehearsals and master class sessions will be held so that students have an opportunity to work on material relevant to their respective instruments.

The **cost of the camp will be \$45.00 per student** and includes a guest conductor for the band, professional clinicians and sectional coaches, dinner on Friday, an ice cream social, lunch on Saturday, and snacks. **Checks should be made payable to McCleskey Middle School.** Use a school money envelope and put payments in the school safe. Return permission forms to the band room.

We will serve a quick pizza dinner immediately after school that Friday. Students do not need to bring money for dinner, as the cost of food is included in the cost of the camp. Students may bring other items for dinner if they wish. After full band rehearsals Friday, we will have an ice cream social.

All seventh and eighth grade Symphonic Band students are expected to attend, as this camp will replace HOURS of morning sectional rehearsals and will be equivalent to two weeks of band rehearsal during school. **The permission form and payment are due no later than Monday, January 27.** McCleskey band parents and the McCleskey band directors will supervise the camp. *Parents who are available to chaperon may indicate this on the permission form. Your help is appreciated in advance!* Parents are welcomed to attend rehearsals to see the kids hard at work.

We hope all parents can come hear the "informance" on Saturday, which will consist of music the students will be playing at LGPE. Student attire for the camp AND the concert will be clothing typically appropriate for school. Please follow the school dress code. **NO UNIFORMS.**

All meals and snacks will be at McCleskey. Students are not allowed to leave campus while the camp is in session. Parents who need to check out and return students may do so through the band directors.

Thanks for your hard work and support.
Jody Miller

Andrew Paller

**McCleskey Middle School
7th and 8th Grade Symphonic Band Camp
January 31-February 1, 2020**

Friday, January 31

- 4:15 Report to the band room for pizza dinner
- 5:45-8:00 Full band rehearsals
- 8:00-9:00 Ice cream social
- 9:00 Parents pick up students at McCleskey in front of the building

Saturday, February 1

- 8:45 Student check-in with band directors

	7 th Grade Symphonic Band	8 th Grade Symphonic Band
9:00-10:00	Sectional with coaches	Full band rehearsal
10:00-11:15	Full band rehearsal	Sectional with coaches
11:15-12:30	Sectional with coaches	Full band rehearsal
12:30-1:15	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:15-2:15	Full band rehearsal	Sectional with coaches
2:15-3:15	Sectional with coaches	Full band rehearsal
3:15-4:00	Full band rehearsal	Sectional with coaches
4:00-4:20	Full band rehearsal	Full band rehearsal

- 4:30 Band “Informance” (we hope all parents can attend!)

Parents may attend any or all of the band camp to see what the students are working on, but we would especially like for you to hear the students’ progress during the informal concert at 4:30.

McCleskey Seventh and Eighth Grade Symphonic Band Camp Permission Form

I give permission for my child _____
to participate in the Symphonic Band Camp at McCleskey Middle School on Friday, January
31, and Saturday, February 1. I understand that a parent must pick up my child after rehearsal
on Friday evening at 9:00 PM and transport my child to and from rehearsals on Saturday.

We understand that students are expected to attend the entire camp and the concert as listed on
the schedule. Also, my child understands that outstanding behavior is expected for the
duration of the camp and that discipline problems will be dealt with immediately and strongly.

_____ Parent signature

_____ Date

_____ I am available to chaperon. *(Please indicate available times.)*

Email address if chaperoning _____

_____ Friday 4:30-5:30

_____ Friday 5:30-6:30

_____ Friday 6:30-7:30

_____ Friday 7:30-9:00 *(lots of help needed at this time!)*

_____ Saturday 8:45-10:00

_____ Saturday 10:00-12:00

_____ Saturday 12:00-2:00 *(lots of help needed at this time!)*

_____ Saturday 2:00-4:00

- ***Please return this form no later than January 27.***
- ***Deposit your camp payment into the school safe using a school money envelope (mark envelopes "Symphonic Band Camp")***

Per the band handbook, any 8th grade band student who misses an event scheduled for his or her band class may not participate in the spring trip (Dollywood trip).