

8th Grade Pre-Assessment Orchestra Concert

February 2016



Dear Orchestra Students and Parents/Guardians,

The Jolliff 8th grade orchestra will be performing a Pre-Assessment concert **Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the WESTERN BRANCH MIDDLE SCHOOL auditorium. The WBMS 8th grade and WBHS Bruin Sinfonia orchestras will be performing as well.

ATTENDANCE:

As stated in the Jolliff Orchestra Handbook and the CPS Attendance Performance Policy distributed in September, concert participation is **required**. Mrs. Rosenberg can help arrange a carpool if needed. Students are expected to remain for the entire concert. *Contact Mrs. Rosenberg with attendance concerns immediately.*

GRADING:

This concert is **TWO performance grades**. To receive full credit, students must report on time, be dressed appropriately, have all materials, and display appropriate concert etiquette. *The Grade Book Key that the students received at the beginning of the year outlines point deductions for violations of the above mentioned (and it is also on the orchestra website).*

ATTIRE:

White Tuxedo Shirt

Solid Black Dress Pants (to the ankle)

Black Dress Shoes (with Black Socks/Hosiery, as needed)

Bowtie & Cummerbund (owned by the Jolliff Orchestra)

**Please do not wear jewelry that will cause a distraction (i.e. large and or jingly jewelry)*

REPORT TIME & LOCATION:

6:30 p.m., location TBD

VALUABLES:

Do not leave valuables in the unpacking room, as it will not be locked during the concert. CPS is not responsible for any lost/stolen items.

ELECTRONICS:

The auditorium is a **RED ZONE**. Mrs. Rosenberg (or a volunteer helping Mrs. Rosenberg) will confiscate all electronic devices out during this time. Students will also receive a significant grade reduction as this is a violation of both appropriate concert etiquette and the CPS "Bring Your Own Device" policy.

Please see the back for additional important information.

Musically,

Mrs. Leah Katz Rosenberg
Orchestra Director



VBODA District IV Orchestra Assessment (formally known as Festival)

The District IV Orchestra Assessment will be held on **Friday, March 11** and **Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Oscar Smith High School**. The Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association (VBODA) hosts this annual event. Chesapeake Public Schools requires that at least one orchestra ensemble from each secondary school attends this event (the same applies for band and chorus).

The Jolliff 8th Grade Orchestra's performance day and time will be determined soon and the students will be notified immediately. Transportation from Jolliff to OSHS and back to Jolliff will be provided. As stated in the Jolliff Orchestra Handbook and CPS Attendance Performance Policy, concert participation is **required**.

This is a very important performance for the orchestra. **We will be evaluated based on the VBODA rubric for orchestra** (that directly correlates to the orchestra SOL's). We will perform three prepared pieces for a panel of judges and also sight-read a piece for an additional judge. All the judges are seasoned orchestra directors.

The rating system is as follows:

- Rating I – Superior
- Rating II – Excellent
- Rating III – Good
- Rating IV – Fair
- Rating V – Poor



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FOR MORE INFORMATION!**