## Carter Middle School Bands Solo and Ensemble Information

**What**: A unique opportunity for your child to perform in front of a judge for comments and a rating, including a medal for first and second ratings. Students can perform a solo, duet, trio, quartet, etc. Students may participate in a max of two (2) events.

When: Saturday, January Saturday, January 13, 2018

Where: Rochester High School

**Who**: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students

What Time: Each event has a scheduled time to perform (anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.). Parents are responsible for transportation to and from Rochester High School. Please arrive 45 minutes before your scheduled performance time. Parking can be difficult because this is such a large event. Students please do not spend hours in your warm-up room playing. It will make you more nervous. A good 20 minute warm-up and tuning is all you need. If you need assistance with tuning, ask your warm-up room chairperson.

What to wear: School band uniforms are required. Ladies, no short skirts or uncomfortable shoes please.

What should I bring? Students need to bring their instrument (in good working order), their copy of their music and the judge's ORIGINAL of the music (both should have the measures numbered!). Students are allowed to play on photo copied music. Students must bring the judge's ORIGINAL which can not be a photo copy. All measures must be numbered on the judge's copy and have the student's name(s) at the top of the music, name of school, and time of event.

What should I expect: When you enter the school, there are several information tables to direct you to your warm-up rooms, the information workers will give you a map of the school and point you in the direction of your warm-up rooms. The number to the left of your student's event name (p001, p011, p031, etc.) is the warm-up room number. The information workers also have a list of all the students involved in the festival and what room they should report to. Once you arrive at your warm-up room, please check in with the room chairperson. Soloists must have their accompanist present to perform their solo. Once the students are warmed up, the chairperson will lead them to their performance room after checking for their judge's copy. Once the student goes into their performance room, they must wait for the performance room chairperson to announce them to the judge. Once students are announced, they may begin their piece of music. After the judge talks to the students about their performance, the students must wait outside the performance room for their rating. When the ratings are posted, students will receive a card for a medal if they receive a rating of I or II, the judge's copy of the music will be returned at this time. Students may get their medals in the cafeteria of the school. Concessions are available for purchase. After your rating is posted, you are free to leave the festival. Please note: In order to be eligible for a rating, performances should be a minimum of 1 minute 30 seconds, so PLEASE time your music prior to Solo and Ensemble Festival!!!

Where do I find Mr. Case? I will be working at the festival as a warm up room or performance room chair person. I will let you know for sure what room I am in the week prior to Solo and Ensemble. Come and find me when you are finished. I'd like to hear how everything PLAYED out!!! Get it?

Why: Solo and Ensemble provides an excellent opportunity to work on and perform a piece on a more individual level. Students that participate in solo and ensemble improve their playing immensely just by participating. In addition, any students participating will receive extra credit.

## **Solo and Ensemble Festival Information and Registration Form**

Date: Saturday, January 13, 2018

Time: You may request Early, Middle or Late in the day.

Location: Rochester High School (maps will come with your confirmation packet)

Fees: Solo \$14 Piano Solo \$17

Duet \$8 per person
Trio \$7 per person
Quartet \$7 per person
Quintet \$7 per person

All Soloists must provide their own piano accompanist (Student accompanists are not recommended). If you get stuck, ask me for a recommendation. There may be a school accompanist who will include 2 rehearsals and the performance for fee (payment due at the first rehearsal to the accompanist).

Unless students are taking private lessons, they must work with me a minimum of 2 times in order to participate in the festival. If you have not adequately prepared yourself for this event, I may scratch you from the event. There will be no refunds! There will be a sign-up sheet for extra help!

## **CASH ONLY!**

One registration form per event. All registration forms and money are due <u>Friday, October 20, 2017</u> NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!

## Carter Middle School Band Solo and Ensemble Registration Form

Name(s)
Instrument(s)
Grade
Type of Event (solo, duet, etc)
Time of day requested (early, middle, or late)
Will you need a piano accompanist?
Total Number of events
Fee total \$