

HAR BUR MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL DEPARTMENT

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Dear Grade 8 Band Parent:

On Tuesday, February 5, 2019 approximately fifty Har-Bur instrumental students will participate in the American School Band Director Association's Grade 8 Honor's Band Day held at Torrington Middle School. Your son/daughter signed up during the early fall months and has been accepted into the festival by the ASBDA committee. The festival itself is set up in a rehearsal/workshop fashion where your child will be placed into one of two large concert bands. Each student will work, on a recently published composition, with two very energetic and well-respected conductors. The festival will run for two hours and each student will return to Har-Bur prior to the end of the school day. The following is a breakdown of important information for you and your child:

- Date:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 - (SNOW DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019)
- Times:** We will leave Har-Bur MS at approximately 9:30 A.M. Every student will report to his/her first two period classes. At approximately 9:25 A.M. all performers are to report to the Har-Bur band room. The festival runs from 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. at which time we will depart from Torrington back to Burlington.
- Paperwork:** Attached please find the Region 10 Permission Slip and Health Form. Please fill out both Documents, in full, (front and back). This form needs to be returned, to me, **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018.**
- Lunch:** Each student is to bring a bagged lunch that day to be eaten on the bus during the ride home. I ask that students bring water to drink to cut down on unnecessary messes when we eat on the bus. It is the responsibility of each student to clean up after him/herself and leave the bus neat and orderly upon arrival home.
- Preparation:** It is the responsibility of each student to prepare the composition they have received. I will be holding a rehearsal or two prior to the festival. These rehearsals will be held on Tuesday afternoons, after school, during late bus hours. Each session will last until 4:00 P.M. and all students are highly encouraged to attend.
- Attire:** Since this festival is a rehearsal/workshop setting normal, comfortable school attire is fine. There is no need for concert dress on that day.

On the day of the festival please take an inventory of all needed equipment - i.e. instrument, reeds, percussion mallets, music, etc. to ensure a successful and rewarding experience for your child and the ensembles. As a member of ASBDA I am very proud that our school has the opportunity, once again, to participate in this festival. I look forward to an exciting and rewarding day for our kids and hope that this continues to be an annual event for Har-Bur Middle School instrumentalists.

Should you have further questions concerning the festival please feel free to contact me at school 860-673-6163 x17517 or through email cramerig@region10ct.org any time. Thank you for your continued support of the Har-Bur Middle School Music Department.

Sincerely,