

HAR BUR MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

January 25, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations! Your son/daughter has been selected to participate in this year's Connecticut Music Educator's Northern Region Middle School Festival Concert Band/Choir. The following is a list of important details:

- Location: Wethersfield High School, Wethersfield, CT
- Dates & Times: Friday, March 22, 2019 (rehearsal is 3:30 – 8:30 P.M.) w/dinner
Saturday, March 23, 2019 (rehearsal is 9:00 A.M. – concert time)
- Concert Times: Saturday – 1:00 P.M. Jazz Ensemble and Choirs
3:30 P.M. Concert Band and Orchestra
- Snow Date: Saturday, April 6, 2018 (one-day festival beginning at 9:00 AM)
Concert times will be 2:30 PM & 5:00 PM
- Music Stand: Every student is to bring a folding music stand that is well marked with his/her name on it.
- Transportation: Transportation will be provided to the rehearsal on Friday and on Saturday morning. Students will accompany parents home following the concert on Saturday afternoon.
- Concert Forms: Enclosed, please find a CMEA Contract and Health Form as well as the Har-Bur Permission Slip and Health Forms. Please fill out all remaining information (including your signatures) on all forms. No student will be allowed to participate unless this paperwork is fully completed. Return these forms to me no later than **Friday, February 8, 2019.**
- Concert Attire: Ladies: White blouse, black or navy skirt/slacks, dress shoes.
Men: White shirt and dark pants, long tie, dark socks and shoes.

**** It is extremely important that each student remembers to bring his/her concert wear with them on Saturday morning. Students will not be returning home between the rehearsal times and the performance.**

Meals: All students will receive a dinner on Friday evening and a lunch, on Saturday, at the school.

Concert Tickets: The CMEA will be limiting each student to **3 TICKETS** per concert and orders will be submitted online, by Mr. "C" prior to the actual festival weekend. Tickets are \$10.00 each and the general chairperson has asked that only one check be submitted, per school, so I am asking that you make your checks payable to **Har-Bur Middle School**. When returning the Contract and Health Form please include payment for your tickets at that time. I, in turn will submit one check, for Har-Bur Middle School, from the district's student activity account. Should you wish to purchase any additional tickets your son/daughter may do so on Friday afternoon of the festival up until dinner time. All remaining tickets will be sold on a first come - first served basis until the auditorium capacity is met. Should you wish to purchase extra tickets please have your child prepared with either cash or a check made payable to CMEA. Each person entering the auditorium must purchase a ticket, regardless of age. Seating is unreserved and the doors will open 30 minutes prior to each concert.

ABSOLUTELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR FOR EITHER CONCERT.

Concert CD/DVD: Recordings and DVD's may be ordered on Saturday in the auditorium lobby.

Ensemble Photo: An ensemble photo will be taken during the concert. A copy may be ordered on Saturday in the auditorium lobby.

Rules and Regs: All rules pertaining to proper behavior and conduct will be strictly enforced. It is also the responsibility of each student to prepare the music prior to the festival. Each chairperson has the autonomy to dismiss any student who is disruptive or completely unprepared for the festival. Within the next few weeks I will set aside late bus times to work with all students on his/her literature.

Weather: In case of bad weather please listen to WTIC AM and/or log onto cmea.org for any announcement regarding the possibility of cancellation.

If you have further questions please feel free to call me at school any time. I look forward to an outstanding musical experience for our kids.

Sincerely,

Gregory Crameri
Music Teacher/Director of Bands