

HAR-BUR MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

December 20, 2018

Dear Parent(s):

In an effort to promote musical growth and enthusiasm within the Har-Bur music program we are continually seeking out activities in which our students may participate. As noted in the program of studies for the grade 7/8 concert bands a one-day adjudication festival may be slated for the spring of a given year. With the success of last year's in-house adjudication festival Har-Bur Middle School will, again this year, be hosting the performance portion of this event. On **Friday, May 10, 2019** the Har-Bur Grade 7, Grade 8 and Symphonic Bands, along with other school(s) to include Torrington Middle School will perform and be adjudicated based upon standards set forth by today's top music educators. In the morning the ensembles will be judged and have the opportunity to work with one of the adjudicators in a master class/rehearsal session. The balance of the afternoon will be spent at Lake Compounce in Bristol, Connecticut. We feel that such a venture will grant the students additional performance opportunities, as well as, foster goal setting models and camaraderie building activities for our children.

Enclosed please find the initial itinerary. This is a basic plan that will become more detailed (i.e. more specific times) as we approach May. The cost for each student this year is **\$50.00**. This includes travel expenses, associated festival events and admission to all amusement park attractions. We are also in search of parents to act as chaperones for this event. With the number of performers in the ensembles we are looking for approximately 12-15 people to monitor a group of 10 and 12 students throughout the day. The list of chaperones will be formulated based upon returning faculty members as well as responses from parents; always taking into consideration the need for a considerable number of returning veterans. If you are interested in being a part of the trip please send the enclosed slip into school with your child as soon as possible. We will notify you once the list has been solidified. Enclosed please find a permission slip and health form that **must** be submitted by the date below.

We encourage all students to participate in this event. For the ensembles to be able to travel we will need at least 95+% participation to cover the costs and be able to perform properly. Should an ensemble fail to meet the required number **it will be dropped from the trip**. If you have further questions concerning any of the details of this trip please do not hesitate to contact any of us at school. It is our philosophy that this trip and other activities should never be prohibitive for any student. Plans are in place to assist you in whatever means are necessary for your child to take part in this event.

Full payment and forms (completed fully) are due no later than Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Make checks payable to: "Har-Bur Middle School"

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The initial itinerary:

***All times subject to change.

TIMES

8:30/9:00 A.M.

ACTIVITIES

Performance by HB ensembles -
Adjudication, master class,
awards and audience for other
school(s)

Late morning/
Early afternoon

Admission to Lake Compounce
*Students should have money
(not to exceed \$40.00) to
buy meals at the food courts &
for spending

4:30 P.M.

Depart Lake Compounce via
school bus - destination:
Har-Bur MS - Burlington, CT

5:00 P.M.

Approximate arrival at HarBur
MS

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to the festival in May.

Sincerely,

Marc Riccio
Grade 7 Band Director

Gregory Cramer
Grade 8/Symphonic Band Director