

MPMS Band – Spring 2019

This Spring, the 7th and 8th grade bands will spend a lot of time operating as one group. Some of this has been done before (MPA) and some is new (Carowinds Music Festival)

Music Performance Adjudication (MPA)

The last two years, the 7th and 8th grade bands have represented MPMS at the NC sponsored MPA. In essence, this is the Band EOG. At the MPA, bands play for a total of 4 adjudicators who give a rating based on how they play. The event this year is held from March 13-15th at Wingate University in Monroe. Our exact time will not be known until February.

To prepare for this, we will have a number of times when students will need to rehearse outside of the traditional class time in order to get used to playing with the students in the other grades. We will try to have a complete schedule made out of these times in January. Please make every effort to make these rehearsals.

One time which is currently scheduled is a clinic and performance at MPMS on Thursday, February 28th. Students will stay after school for a clinic with outside experts, and we will give a performance at 7pm. It is imperative that all students attend that whole time.

Carowinds Music Festival

For the first time in a number of years, the 7th and 8th grade bands will also represent MPMS at the Carowinds Music Festival. Our time of performance is Thursday, May 9th at 11:05am. It is similar to MPA with a couple of large differences. This is not run by the state, but it has high quality judges (including some nationally known composers!) Also, this would require admission to the park, as it does cost some money. Many more details about the cost will come later in the year, but expect to either have a season pass, or pay around \$50 for a ticket (including paying for the festival), as well as transportation and food costs. With this expense, please read below...

Fundraising Options

We will need basically all students to go, but we will need people to pay for tickets to this. In order to help with this process, we will use a system similar to what the High School uses for Marching Band fees. We will do a couple of fundraisers throughout the year, and half of the *profit* that we make will go into an account for you with the trip. Expect 2-3 fundraisers this year to be like this. If other opportunities arise to make money as well, I will notify the group of the possibility. We will work with all students to make sure that they can go, but we do expect for students to help with fundraising if bringing in money from family income is not possible. This process will be done through the band boosters, not MPMS.

