

OAK GROVE BANDS

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Students and Parents:

Hello from the Band Office! It is finally time for our MPA event! Music Performance Adjudication (MPA) is a familiar event for some but totally new for others and we are so glad that these students will finally experience this opportunity. For MPA, our bands will perform selections from a graded list in front of judges that will score us based on certain elements of music performance. In addition, we will perform a piece of music "at sight" for the first time given a short study period. This event and the ratings given are nationally recognized as a benchmark for concert band performance. Our students have been working hard to prepare these selections and our goal is to bring home the highest possible rating!

The MPA performances will during the week of March 20th* for our Wind Ensemble and on March 30th for our Concert Band on the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory. More details about each performance, including specific times, will be shared in a separate letter.

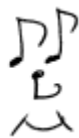
In the meantime, we will be having our pre-MPA concert on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00pm in our auditorium. This has been announced in class daily and on the schedule given to the students at the beginning of this semester so hopefully you have heard about it. We have some special guests that will be there to listen and give us feedback in order to help us prepare for the actual MPA performances. This concert is a required and graded event and all band students should be there.

Performance attire for this concert is our regular concert black. The students have been given a description of this attire. Also, there will be NO ADMISSION for this concert.

Again, more info will be sent about the actual MPA event very soon.

Hope to see you all Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00pm in the auditorium!

Musically,



Mike Howell

A note about transportation for the MPA events...

We are traveling to the MPA events this year on comfy charter buses instead of the bumpy, slow activity buses!!!

Our Band Booster organization has graciously agreed to pay half of the cost of these buses! (THANK YOU BOOSTERS!!)

We are asking each OG musician to please bring \$15 each to cover the other half of these buses.

More info will be sent about the MPA event and the transportation soon!

* Wind Ensemble date has not been confirmed. We are trying to get a performance time on Wednesday, March 22nd. As soon as this is confirmed, students will be sent an email and a message will be posted on the Band App.