

The 7th Grade McBride ensembles will be performing at the MMEA Band Festival at Belleville High School on either Thursday, March 14th or Friday, March 15th (See schedule below). Admission is free, and all family and friends are encouraged to attend! All performances take place during the school day. Reminder that both Thursday and Friday are half days! Students should still commute to school as usual. All students will be back at McBride Middle School before the end of the school day and should plan to commute home as usual.

The MMEA Festival is structured to allow students to perform in front of an audience as well as 3 clinicians. After the performance, a clinician will work with the ensembles and give feedback and praise. This Festival, unlike the MSBOA Festival, does NOT give a score, ranking, rating, etc. The spirit and nature of this festival is based on the notion that music is an art, and that a score or ranking is arbitrary.

## **Thursday, March 14th Performance**

1st Period 7th Grade Band

*7:40 am - Departure from McBride Middle School*

*9:05 am - Performance @ Belleville High School*

*10:00 am - Return to McBride Middle School*

## **Friday, March 15th Performance**

3rd Period 7th Grade Band

*7:40 am - Departure from McBride Middle School*

*9:40 am - Performance @ Belleville High School*

*10:30 am - Return to McBride Middle School*

## **Parking**

There are two large parking lots in the front of Belleville High School. All spectators need to use the 1st Parking Lot (closest to West Columbia and by the Main Entrance). The 2nd Parking Lot, near the Athletics Wing, is used for transportation for Belleville High School Students. Buses will be using the 2nd Parking Lot on Thursday and Friday. Even though the 2nd parking lot may be empty, DO NOT use the 2nd Parking Lot! Buses will be arriving at approximately 10:00 am and will not be leaving until approximately 11:10 am.

## **Concert Attire**

Students are to wear their black Belleville Bands polo, black dress pants (no jeans or leggings), black socks, and black dress shoes to school on their performance day. There will not be time to change into concert attire before departure.

## **Chaperones**

Any parents interested in riding the bus and being a chaperone should contact Mr. Kasperski by Monday, March 11th. We need at least 2 parents per class to chaperone.

## **Conferences**

Conferences are held on Thursday, March 15th at McBride Middle School from 12:00-3:00 pm and 4:00 -7:00 pm. Mr. Miller will be available at both sessions, but Mr. Kasperski will only be at McBride from approximately 4:30-7:00 pm. (Due to teaching responsibilities at Owen Intermediate School, Mr. Kasperski will be at Owen Intermediate School conferences from 1-4pm on Thursday). If you are unavailable during the above conferences times and need to speak to either Mr. Miller or Mr. Kasperski, please call or email to set up a phone or in-person conference.

As always, please contact Mr. Kasperski with any questions or concerns!

Mr. Kasperski

*\*This is a mandatory event and counts as a grade for band class. Please make it a priority to be at school ON TIME on performance day! Buses will not be able to wait for late students.*