

Advanced Band Concert MPA Update

Dear Advanced Band Parents,

The MPA, or “Music Performance Assessment” is taking place at Venice High School on Thursday, March 31st. Our band will perform in the large auditorium at 7pm. **Parents are encouraged to drive to the event and watch their children perform.** After our stage performance, parents may also follow the students off the stage to the sight reading room for the second phase of the assessment. Following the sight reading portion, parents in attendance may check out their children with Mr. Ostrow or a chaperone.

For parents wishing to pick up their child following the performance, Venice High School is located at 1 Indian Ave, Venice, FL 34285.

Here is Itinerary for Students on Thursday, March 31st:

- 1) Students report to the band room following the final bell.
 - a. Attendance will be taken at 4:10pm.
 - b. Arrive to the band room dressed with formal black and the black band shirt. School dress code does apply. All students will dress appropriately or will not be permitted to board the buses. Please prepare your dress shoes now.
 - c. Assembly instruments immediately with music in performance order.
 - d. **We will perform for faculty before we depart.**
- 2) We will board the buses at 5pm.
 - a. Woodwinds and percussion will ride the front bus.
 - b. Brass will ride on the second bus.
- 3) We will arrive at VHS by 5:45pm.
 - a. This is the perfect time to use the restroom.
 - b. We will unload our instruments and leave the cases on the buses.
 - c. Students that have instruments in the trailer will retrieve them at this time.
 - d. We will line up on the side walk and walk together to the warm-up room.
- 4) Warm-up at 6:30pm.
 - a. Percussion will be asked to set up their instruments on the main stage around 6:45pm.
 - i. Adjust the percussion instruments as needed, tune the timpani for the march, and play a little of the march to hear the room.
- 5) Students will perform on the stage in the auditorium for adjudicators AND parents at 7pm.
 - a. The judges sit at the back of the auditorium and speak into a microphone to record comments to help the band.
 - b. Other bands might be present to listen as well.
- 6) Directly following our stage performance, students will sight read in another room with another judge.
 - a. Parents are welcome and encouraged to follow the band off the stage to watch.
 - b. Parents may not record this process as other bands in the state sight read the same music.
- 7) Students will meet their parents by the buses and go home or ride the bus back!
 - a. Parents that cannot watch their children perform can meet their kids back at the Ainger bus loop around 9pm.
 - b. All other parents can take them home from the buses after checking out with Mr. Ostrow or a chaperone.