

AB and Varsity PE, Concert MPA Update

Dear AB and Varsity PE Parents,

The MPA, or “Music Performance Assessment” is taking place at Venice High School on Thursday, March 22nd. Our band will perform in the large auditorium at 7:30pm following Sarasota Middle School. **Parents are encouraged to drive to the event and watch their children perform**. 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.

We will need **five** parent chaperones to ride the buses to and from the event. If you are available or can be made available, please contact our booster president, Mrs. Veronica Grannan, at 941-223-4423 or by e-mail at grannans@verizon.net. Once confirmed with Mrs. Grannan, please check in in the front office before 3:45pm to receive a check-in ID sticker. You will need your driver’s license for a quick background check. Then report to the band room located in the center of the school in the F for “fun” building.

Here is Itinerary for Students on Thursday, March 22nd:

- 1) Students report to the band room following the final bell.
 - a. Attendance will be taken at 4:01pm.
 - b. Arrive to the band room dressed with formal black and white. White on the top with black on the bottom. 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. Parents will be called for pick up.
 - c. Sit down with your instrument in its case and music in performance order.
- 2) We will board the buses at 4:15pm.
 - a. Woodwinds and percussion will ride the front bus.
 - b. Brass will ride on the second bus.
- 3) We will arrive at VHS by 5:30pm.
 - a. Bring a bag dinner or \$5-10 to purchase dinner from the Venice HS Band Boosters.
 - b. This is also the perfect time to use the restroom.
- 4) Return to the buses and trailer at 6:30pm
 - a. We will unload our instruments and leave the cases on the buses.
 - b. Students that have instruments in the trailer will retrieve them at this time.
 - c. We will line up on the side walk and walk together to the warm-up room.
- 5) Warm-up in the VHS Band room at 7pm.
 - a. Percussion will be asked to set up their instruments around 7:15pm.
- 6) Students will perform on the stage in the auditorium for adjudicators at 7:30pm.
 - a. The judges sit at the back of the auditorium and speak into a microphone to record comments to help the band.
- 7) 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.
- 8) Students will meet their parents 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 sight reading room after checking out with Mr. Ostrow.