

Small Ensembles MPA



Dear Parents and Guardians,

What: MPA stands for “Music Performance Assessment”. Students in the Advanced Band and Percussion Ensemble will participate in this annual performance in February.

At this event, middle and high school small ensembles and soloists from multiple counties will perform prepared pieces for judges that specialize in your child’s instrument(s).

The judges at the event are experienced professional musicians that grade the students’ performance. Using a music rubric, the judges will provide both written and verbal feedback. This is a learning opportunity for all of us! The ratings include: “Superior” = A, “Excellent” = B, “Good” = C, “Fair” = D, and “Poor” = F.

If a superior rating is earned, medals will be distributed to student participants and worn at the final concert.

When: Friday, February 11th. Parents are welcome to attend to watch them perform. Below are the specific times for their performances:

- Percussion Quintet (A), 5:04pm with Chip Wood IV
- Percussion Quintet (B), 5:20pm with Chip Wood IV
- Percussion Quartet (C), 5:36pm with Chip Wood IV
- Percussion Quartet (D or E), 5:52pm with Chip Wood IV
- Brass Choir, 6:20pm with Greg Urban
- Woodwind Choir, 7:30pm with Missie Ellis

Where: Braden River High School

Transportation: Students will need to complete a field trip form (attached) and get signatures for their 7th hour teachers. Band students will also be expected to make up any missed classwork. The bus will depart Ainger around 3pm and return to the bus loop at 8:30pm for parent pick up.

To Bring: Instruments will be loaded onto the band trailer during class. Students should also bring their own music with measures numbered onto the bus with them.

Attire: Black formal on the bottom with the black band shirt on top tucked in.

Dinner: Students are asked to bring a bag dinner or cash to purchase concessions while not performing. Students will be in the high school cafeteria with chaperone supervision when not warming up or performing. We will not be stopping to eat.

Chaperones: We need 4 or 5 chaperones for this event. Parents, if you would like to chaperone and did not already sign up, please contact Lisa Aaronson at seese29@yahoo.com or by phone at 941-467-4998.

Excuse Form: If there is a conflict, please contact Mr. Ostrow at tim.ostrow@yourcharlotteschools.net or turn in the excuse form to Mr. Ostrow on the back ASAP.