

SOLO/ENSEMBLE

ARRIVE AT MMS 7:25-7:30am (The bus LEAVES at 7:30!)

Bring:

- *Music (ORIGINAL!)
- *Instrument (must go home Friday night!)
- *Reeds/Valve Oil, etc.
- *Dress Nicely - First impressions count!!!
- *Lunch/Snack (there may be food available to purchase, but we are not certain)
- *Book, cards, etc. - QUIET things to do while you are not performing
- *DO NOT bring valuables
- *Band/Chorus Jacket!

*If you are riding home with your parents, please bring your note BEFORE Saturday morning!

*We *should* be home around 2:00pm - please have your ride home arranged and waiting!

*Parents are welcome! Performance times are approximate!

*Your best behavior is expected at ALL times! You are representing yourselves, MMS, and the town of Merrimack

Final Preparation Suggestions:

- Practice in front of an audience (parent, sibling, friend) - the more the better!
- Stand (yes, stand!) tall!
- Practice running your piece through start to finish - mistakes and all. Do this regularly starting today! Then, work on cleaning up specific spots.
- Make eye contact with the adjudicator (judge), smile, and say, "hello!"
- You may be asked if you want to scales or your piece first (think about this).
- You may be asked to choose a scale to play (so think about this, too).
- Pause and breath before playing any/everything! Think before jumping into a scale, breath (slowly!) before beginning your piece...
- If you make a mistake (mistakes!) - don't fret! Keep going, or pause and back up a couple of measures. Practice this. And you don't need to apologize - everyone makes mistakes!
- Be proud of yourself! You've taken on a challenge and you've worked hard! Be proud of the strong character you are building and for being a better player today than you were before you started this process :) Go Merrimack Music!

Final Check-in Feedback

Scales:

Prepared Piece:

Going well -

Things to work on this week -