

Wind Ensemble Update
9/12/08

A brief parent meeting was held on September 11 @ 7:00 p.m. The topics presented included rehearsal times and days of the week for Wind Ensemble. For the first trimester, Wind Ensemble will meet from 7-8 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. A formal calendar will be offered by September 18. We also discussed the performance dates. Wind Ensemble will have four performances this year. The schedule is as follows:

October 30 @ SRRMS	Tricks Treats and Tunes concert
February 9 @ SRRHS	Send-off concert for MMEA
February 12 @ Mpls Convention Center	MMEA convention performance
March ? @ ?	Cathedral Concert (TBD)

Concert Uniforms dominated the majority of the presentation. Due to the fact that we have been selected to perform at the State music educators' convention, we need to raise the bar on our uniform we wear. The ability to purchase from wholesale companies allows us to fit our students for about the same money they would spend on the purchase of a classy outfit from a department store. The advantage of ordering from the wholesale company is that we guarantee uniformity. Below are the choices that were made at the meeting.

Women

Concert Dress style

Company: Tuxedo Wholesaler

Web address: www.tuxedowholesaler.com

Dress style: Michaela

Cost: \$49.50 (there may be shipping and handling added)

Men

Concert Tuxedo

Company: Simco Formal

Web address: www.simcoformal.com

Tuxedo Style: 5 piece classic tuxedo package

Cost: \$90.50 (there may be shipping and handling added)

The above cost does not include slippers or shoes for the women, socks or shoes for the men. Preferred shoes for women are a basic closed toe shoe, and for men a black dress shoe (our marching shoe is permissible if you put a shine on them). The shoe for men must be a leather style shoe—not a cloth or tennis shoe.

Fitting for dresses and tuxes will be on Thursday, September 18 from 7-8 a.m. in the band room. Students should bring their dress shoe that they plan to wear with their concert uniform to the fitting so that proper lengths can be measured. Please plan accordingly. Tuxes and dresses will be ordered on Friday, September 19. Should a student be absent from the Thursday morning fitting, they need to be fitted BEFORE Thursday, September 19 so that the order can be completed by Friday, September 19. See Mr. Campbell with questions.

Payment for the uniform will be due by November 26 (end of 1st Trimester). Parents may pay for the uniform all at once or they may pay in installments. Please put all payments in the money drop box in the music area and label an envelope WIND ENSEMBLE UNIFORM PAYMENT with your payment in the envelope. A payment form will be available to students online and during the September 22 morning rehearsal.

The MMEA performance will be on Thursday, February 12 at 3:15 p.m. This performance is one that is open to all family and friends. We will be performing at the Minneapolis convention center. If you have an option to attend, we would appreciate your patronage. The setting is very formal and there will be hundreds of music educators in session viewing our performance and other educational seminars. Student transportation will be covered by the school district.

A formal photograph will be taken of the ensemble the first week of October (or when the uniforms arrive). This photograph will be used in the music journal that Minnesota music teachers receive about the annual convention. We are very thankful for the generosity of Kimm Anderson and his professional skills. He will be taking our picture in the PAC on one of the morning rehearsals in early October. Thanks to Mr. Anderson for sharing his skills and talents!

COMMUNICATION:

The most effective, efficient manner to communicate information will be through the school district web page. All parents/students are encouraged to check that page on a regular basis. The web address is:

http://www.isd47.org/activities_athletics/music/highschool/activities/wind_ensemble/index.php

Should you need to contact Mr. Campbell, please use the following process:

Phone: (320) 258-2772

email: scott.campbell@isd47.org (use "srrstudent" as your subject line to avoid the spam blockers)