

Parents,

District Concert Band & Orchestra Festival will be held Thursday, Mar. 11 & Friday, March 12 at Lynchburg College. JF's performance schedule is at the bottom of this letter. If you are able to travel to LC either afternoon, we would appreciate the support. **Admission is free & open to the public.** We will travel to Lynchburg College by school bus. Please refer to the itinerary on the back of this letter for specific times.

Bea Mohr, the JF Band Boosters Chaperone Coordinator will be arranging parent chaperones for each afternoon. Please let me or Bea know if you are able to chaperone one of the trips—it's just to Lynchburg College—should be an easy day for us.

This event more or less equates to a combination of district tournament (though there is no competition involved) & SOL testing for bands. Each performing group is required to play 3 selections: a march (basically a musical form unto itself that is particularly geared toward bands) & 2 pieces of literature of appropriate difficulty from the VA Band & Orchestra Directors Association Graded Music List. The list is categorized by difficulty in 6 grade levels, with Grade 1 being easiest (beginning band music) & Grade 6 being the most difficult (advanced high school, college, & professional level). Each group is evaluated by a panel of 3 judges on all aspects of their performance (from tone quality to rhythmic accuracy to appearance & discipline) & assigned a rating. The ratings are given in the form of Roman numerals & are defined as follows:

I = Superior Performance

II = Excellent Performance

III = Good Performance

IV = Fair Performance

V = Poor Performance

After the stage performance, each group goes to a separate room for a Sight Reading evaluation in which one judge grades the band's performance on a piece of music that they are seeing for the first time. A rating is assigned for Sight Reading as well, & is averaged in with the stage performance rating for the overall rating.

The Jefferson Forest band classes (Concert Band, Symphonic Band, & Wind Symphony) have been preparing their programs since Jan. 4. Our performance schedule & itinerary for both days is on the back of this letter.

Hope to see you there!

- David Webb & Jennifer Burger

**Things to remember:**

- Instrument & all necessary accessories.
- Music.
- Concert attire for Concert & Symphonic Bands: (boys: solid white, collared, button down shirt—long or short sleeve; black chino-style pants, black socks, casual or dress shoes—marching band shoes will work fine, but need to be polished; girls: solid white blouse or shirt, black slacks or skirt—must be knee length or longer, dress shoes—open or closed-toed.). *Advanced Symphonic students should remember their formal shoes (& socks for guys) to go with their formalwear. Girls are reminded to bring their necklace.*

## **District Concert Band & Orchestra Festival Itinerary**

### **Thursday, March 11: CONCERT BAND ONLY**

- 1:14 PM Concert Band students report to the band room at the beginning of 5<sup>th</sup> Period. Change into concert attire if necessary, get instruments, music, & all necessary accessories together & load them on the band truck.
- 1:45 PM Board bus.
- 2:00 PM Depart JF for Lynchburg College.
- 2:20 PM Arrive at Lynchburg College. Get off the bus and unload the truck. Prepare to go to Warm-up.
- 3:00 PM Scheduled Warm-up time.
- 3:30 PM Scheduled Performance time. After the stage performance we will go to a separate room for Sight Reading evaluation. The entire process will take approximately 1 hour.
- 4:30 PM Once we are out of the Sight Reading room, we will load the truck and board the bus (there is a chance the bus may not have arrived to take us back to JF by this point—the bus will be dropping us off & returning to Bedford County to make its afternoon run. Once the bus is there, we will board it and return to JF).
- 5:30 PM Estimated arrival at JF. Students should have a ride home pre-arranged.

**\*\*\*Students may be picked up at Lynchburg College by a parent or legal guardian following our Sight Reading performance. A note from the parent or legal guardian MUST be submitted to Mr. Webb BEFORE we leave JF. Students will not be released to anyone other than their parent or legal guardian, or another adult specifically designated by the parent or legal guardian.**

### **Friday, March 12: SYMPHONIC BAND & WIND SYMPHONY ONLY**

- 9:30 AM Symphonic Band students report to band room for final rehearsal.
- 10:30 AM Symphonic Band rehearsal ends. Wind Symphony students report to the band room.
- 10:45 AM Wind Symphony rehearsal begins.
- 11:42 AM Bell rings for 1<sup>st</sup> Lunch—ALL SYMPHONIC BAND STUDENTS WILL EAT 1<sup>ST</sup> LUNCH. Wind Symphony students already have 1<sup>st</sup> lunch.
- 12:08 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Lunch ends. Symphonic Band AND Wind Symphony students report to the band room. Load instruments/equipment on truck. Change into concert attire.
- 1:00 PM Depart JF for Lynchburg College.
- 1:30 PM Arrive at Lynchburg College; unload instruments/equipment. Symphonic Band prepare for warm-up. Wind Symphony students will enter the auditorium to listen to performing groups.
- 2:10 PM Symphonic Band scheduled Warm-up time.
- 2:40 PM Symphonic Band scheduled Performance time. After the stage performance we will go to a separate room for Sight Reading evaluation. The entire process will take approximately 1 hour.
- 3:40 PM Once we are out of the Sight Reading room, we will load the truck. Students who have pre-arranged for a parent or legal guardian to pick them up (see note above) may leave at this time, but each student must notify a chaperone before leaving. All other students will enter the auditorium to listen to performing groups.
- 4:40 PM Wind Symphony scheduled Warm-up time.
- 5:10 PM Wind Symphony scheduled Performance time. After the stage performance we will go to a separate room for Sight Reading evaluation. The entire process will take approximately 90 minutes.
- 5:45 PM Symphonic Band student will return to JF after Wind Symphony's performance, and once school buses have returned from their afternoon runs.
- 6:15 PM Symphonic Band arrives at JF.
- 7:00 PM Wind Symphony buses depart LC for JF.
- 7:30 PM Wind Symphony arrives at JF.