



# COOPERSVILLE BANDS

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## **MICHIGAN SCHOOL BAND & ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION (MSBOA)** **MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO & ENSEMBLE**

### **What is Solo and Ensemble?**

Solo and Ensemble Festival is a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate their musical skills for another music educator. Students can choose to play a solo, duet, trio or small group on their band instrument. After playing the student(s) will receive a score from the adjudicator; division I, II, III with a division I being the highest possible. If the student(s) receive a division I or II rating they will receive a medal. The student(s) will also be given comments about their performance to reaffirm them on what they are doing well and what they need to work on.

### **When does this event take place?**

This event will take place on **December 2nd, 2017**. The event will start at 8:00 and will go till around 5:00pm. Students will be assigned a time to perform by the MSBOA organization

### **Where is it?**

The event will be hosted right here at **Coopersville Middle School!!**

### **What type of music should I play, and how long does the piece have to be?**

Mrs. Borst & Mr. VanStrien will help each soloist and/or group pick out a piece from the collection of books we have here at school. All musical selections **MUST** be approved by one of the directors. Each event must play a minimum of 1 minute and 30 seconds or you will be disqualified. This festival is only for band instruments and advanced piano students.

### **Should I play a solo or in a small group?**

Students at the middle school level are **highly encouraged** to play a solo. Solos are easier to put together than small groups because students can practice at home by themselves. All solos (except piano and percussion) are required to play with a piano. If you need a pianist please let a director know as soon as possible. If you know an experienced pianist you may have them play for you. It is customary to pay your pianist between \$25-\$30.

If a student decides to play in a small group he or she must choose a like instrument. For example; 2 flutes, flute/clarinet, 2 trumpets, 2 snare drums. Students will not be allowed to play in "weird" chamber groups such as flute/tuba duet or bassoon/trumpet duets for this particular event. All small ensembles **MUST** be approved by a director and have a practice schedule. Students who do not adhere to the practice schedule will be removed from the event and will be billed.

### **Does this event cost money?**

The school pays MSBOA for each event that performs. Students are responsible to cover the cost of the pianist. If a student signs up and does not learn the music and/or doesn't show up to the event the student will be billed for the cost.