



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.