



Hightower Trail Middle School Band

Andrew Cole & Fred Norton, Directors

Solo & Ensemble Festival

Solo & Ensemble Festival provides you an opportunity to perform for an evaluator with an accompanist or with friends. You'll receive valuable tips on how to improve your playing skills.

The festival will take place on **Saturday, November 12th at HTMS**. *Before reading on*, be sure you're free from **8:30am-12:30pm** on that Saturday. Specific performance times will not be announced until late October, and entry fees are non-refundable. You will need to provide your own transportation to and from HTMS.

Students may perform a solo (with accompaniment) and/or up to two ensembles.

Solos: If there is a published accompaniment for your solo, it must be heard. CD accompaniments are permitted, as long as the track does not play your part. If your solo does not have a suitable CD, we will provide a free accompanist for the day – Bora Moon, our clarinet instructor.

Ensembles: Be sure your ensemble members also submit their entry forms and fees on time, and are reliable for rehearsals. Try to use a traditional ensemble (see the next page) – it makes finding music a lot easier!

Music Selection: Mr. Cole, Mr. Norton, and your private lesson teacher can help you select appropriate music. The style can be classical, movie, or jazz (no pop). Due to copyright law, the original parts and original score must be brought to the judge. Students may use our originals or purchase their own. To ensure the above is completed, students will get their music approved by Mr. Cole or Mr. Norton by Friday, September 9th.

Help: The directors are available for help before school (8-9am) and after school (4:15-5:00pm). If you take private lessons, tell your instructor you are signing up so they can help you as well.

To ensure that students are prepared and represent our band well, they should play for the directors twice before the festival. Please refer to the following calendar:

Thursday, 9/1	Entry Form and Fees due
by Friday, 9/9	Music Approval checkpoint
by Friday, 10/14	Performance #1 checkpoint
by Friday, 11/2	Performance #2 checkpoint
Saturday, 11/12	Solo & Ensemble Festival @ HTMS!

We wish all participants the best of luck in their preparation and performance!

Andrew Cole

Fred Norton

Examples of Traditional Ensembles

Duets or Trios of the *same* instrument

Duets or Trios of the same instrument *family* (woodwind, brass, percussion)

Duets or Trios of *high* instruments

(flute, oboe, clarinet, trumpet, alto saxophone, French horn, mallets)

Duets or Trios of *low* instruments

(bassoon, bass clarinet, tenor & baritone saxophone, trombone, euphonium, tuba, mallets)

Clarinet Quartet: 3 clarinets, 1 bass clarinet

Saxophone Quartet: 2 alto saxophones, 1 tenor saxophone, 1 baritone saxophone

Woodwind Quintet: 1 flute, 1 oboe, 1 clarinet, 1 bassoon, 1 French horn

Brass Quintet: 2 trumpets, 1 French horn, 1 trombone, 1 tuba

Percussion Ensemble: up to 5 players

Hightower Trail Middle School Band Solo & Ensemble Entry Form

_____ will participate in the Solo & Ensemble Festival at HTMS on Saturday, November 12th. We will provide our own transportation and understand that fees are non-refundable.

I will be playing (check all that apply):

_____ Solo: \$12 _____ Ensemble: \$12 ÷ number of members _____ Ensemble: \$12 ÷ number of members
(Duet = \$6 per member, Trio = \$4 per member, Quartet = \$3 per member, Quintet = \$2.40 per member)

List the members of your ensemble(s):

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| 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 5. _____ |

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____ (make check payable to *Hightower Trail Middle School*)

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

USE A SCHOOL PAYMENT ENVELOPE:

School Payment Envelope <small>Sobre Para Uso de Pago Escolar</small>		Office Use Only <small>Para uso de la Oficina</small>
Student Name _____ <small>Nombre del Estudiante</small> Homeroom Teacher _____ <small>Maestra de Salón Hogar</small> Student ID # _____ <small>Numero de Identificación de estudiante</small> No Change Can Be Returned / No habrá cambio; envíe cantidad exacta Send PTA and Lunch Money Separately <small>Envíe el pago para PTA y para los almuerzos separado</small> Amount/Cantidad \$ _____ Field Trip / Paseo _____ <small>Destination / Destino</small> \$ _____ Other / Otro _____ <small>Description / Descripción</small> \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed <small>Cantidad de dinero incluido</small>	DATE _____ <small>Fecha</small> Grade _____ <small>Grado</small> Date Received _____ Account _____ Cash \$ _____ Check \$ _____ Check No. _____	

Write "Band Solo & Ensemble" on the Other line.

ENTRY FORM AND FEES DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.