

Lost Mountain Middle School Bands

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District 12 Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) Information

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Dear 7-2 Band Parents:

The GMEA District 12 Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) is drawing near. Our students are working hard and are looking forward to performing for you. We wanted to pass on the details concerning your child's performance.

- Date:** Thursday March 23, 2017
Location: McEachern High School
Departure Time: 12:30pm from LMMS
***Performance Time:** 2:00pm at McEachern HS Performing Arts Center (PAC)
***Pick-up Time:** Approximately 3:10pm at McEachern HS (or 6pm at LMMS)
Required Dress: Ladies: All Black
- Solid black long-sleeve or $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve scoop or crew neck top
 - Solid black dress pants or ankle-length long black skirt
 - Black socks/hosiery & solid black closed-toe shoes
- Gentlemen:**
- Solid white long-sleeve button-up dress shirt (not a tuxedo shirt) and a plain, white undershirt
 - Solid black dress pants
 - Long black socks (calf-length, not ankle-length) & all-black dress shoes
- (We provide the tie and vest for the performance)

LGPE is an experience best described as the "CRCT for band"! In this experience, all of the middle and high school bands in Cobb County & Marietta City Schools (District 12) perform a concert of three selections for a panel of six adjudicators. We receive written & recorded feedback of our performance from each judge, as well as a plaque recognizing our accomplishments. As all band students have been working hard this semester to prepare for the best possible performance, we ask that you continue to require them to practice their music at home each night. This performance was included in the calendar of events in the band handbook and is a required concert as each student's attendance is critical to the success of our performance.

Transportation to McEachern High School will be provided by CCSD school buses. Due to our early performance time, we will eat lunch at school prior to departing for McEachern HS. We do encourage students to bring a small snack to eat after their 2pm performance (granola bar, cheese crackers, etc.). In addition, students should bring their concert attire in a clearly labeled garment bag to school that day. Shirts and pants must be hung on a hanger with socks and shoes placed inside the bag. Mrs. Watts and I will store these outfits in the ensemble room during the day and will allow students to change at school after they eat lunch. Parents should plan to be at McEachern High School by 1:45 for our 2:00 pm performance. There are some other parts of the event after the main performance, but our students will be available for pick-up at approximately 3:10 pm. Parents will pick up students from McEachern High School following the performance from their instrument storage area. Please check out with Mrs. Watts or Mrs. Tingle prior to leaving (we wouldn't want to leave anyone behind!). There will be one bus returning back to LMMS following the concert with the approximate arrival time of 6:00 pm.

The concert dress requirements are firm and specific. Students wearing unacceptable attire will not perform with the band and further disciplinary action may be necessary. Some examples of unacceptable attire include: cargo pants, jeans, baggy pants, tennis shoes, short-sleeved shirts, or tuxedo shirts. Please consider that we are trying to present a uniform, professional look.

As part of our preparation, the 7th grade bands will perform a Pre-Festival/LGPE Concert at LMMS on Thursday, March 2nd at 6pm. All 7-2 students must be here at LMMS by 5:40 pm in their concert attire for their 6:30 pm performance. There will be judges in attendance to critique the bands on their strengths and weaknesses. This is also a required performance. Not attending this concert will forfeit participation in the 7th Grade Lock-in at the end of the year.

Several chaperones are needed for our LGPE performance— please fill out the box at the bottom of the attached Field Trip Permission Form. Most of our chaperones will assist with student supervision, food distribution, and help hand out ties/vests for the gentlemen. However, we will need one large vehicle that can transport a large percussion box to McEachern HS and back to LMMS. The bus aisles are too narrow for us to carry it on the bus; we really appreciate your help! In addition, due to the large size of our bands, we also require several large vehicles to help transport our larger instruments (such as tubas, baritone saxophones, etc.) In doing so, we can comfortably fit our students on the CCSD school buses. We really appreciate your willingness to help! Thank you!

Sincerely,

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