

Lost Mountain Middle School Bands

Suzanne Tingle & Caitlin Watts, Directors

lmmsband.com

District 12 Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) Information

February 10, 2017

Dear 8-1 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:** Tuesday March 21, 2017
Location: McEachern High School
Departure Time: 1:40pm from LMMS
***Performance Time:** 6:05pm McEachern High School Performing Arts Center (PAC)
***Pick-up Time:** Approximately 7:10pm at McEachern HS (or 8:05 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
 - 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 and Marietta City Schools (District 12) perform a concert of three selections for a panel of seven 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 the availability of school buses, we will arrive at McEachern HS quite early. We plan on being a great audience for 2 other middle school performances, eating lunch on-site, and changing into our concert attire using McEachern's facilities. Students can either bring a "sack lunch" type of meal or pre-order a Jason's Deli lunch box (approximately \$5). Concert attire must be hung on a hanger with socks and shoes placed inside a clearly labeled garment bag.

Parents should plan to be at McEachern High School by 5:55 pm for our 6:05 performance. There are some other parts of the event after the main performance, but our students will be available for pick-up at approximately 7:10 pm. Parents will pick up students from McEachern High School following the performances from their instrument storage area. Please sign-out with Mrs. Tingle or Mrs. Watts prior to leaving (we wouldn't want to leave anyone

behind!). There will be one bus returning back to LMMS following the concert for students that are unable to secure a ride home from McEachern HS.

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, both 8th grade bands will perform a Pre-Festival/LGPE Concert at LMMS on Thursday, March 2nd at 8pm. All 8-1 students must be here at LMMS at 7:30 pm in their concert attire for their 8pm 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 8th Grade trip to Walt Disney World 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 distribute ties/vests for the gentlemen. However, we will need one large vehicle that can transport a large percussion box to McEachern and back to LMMS. The bus aisles are too narrow for us to take it on the bus; we really appreciate your help!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Tingle & Caitlin Watts, Band Directors
Lindsey Foster, GSU Student Teacher