

Lost Mountain Middle School Bands

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District 12 Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) Information

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Dear 8-2 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:** Friday March 24, 2017
Location: McEachern High School
Departure Time: 10:45am from LMMS
***Performance Time:** 12pm McEachern HS Performing Arts Center (PAC)
***Pick-up Time:** Approximately 1pm at McEachern HS or 4:15 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 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.

Due to our early performance time, students will be checking-in with their homeroom teachers and reporting to the band room no later than 9:30am. Students are welcome to arrive to LMMS in their concert attire, but if they prefer to wear school clothes, then their concert attire will need to be hanging in a garment bag, labeled with their name. Students can change into their concert attire between 9:30 & 9:50am. Students will also need to bring a lunch with them following our performance at noon. We also highly recommend bringing a snack to eat from 9:30 – 10am in the band room or eating a protein-rich breakfast.

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

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pants, tennis shoes, short-sleeved shirts, or tuxedo shirts. Please consider that we are trying to present a uniform, professional look.

Parents should plan to be at McEachern High School by 11:50 am for our 12:00 performance. We will perform our 3 LGPE selections, have a clinic on-stage, and also perform sight-reading. Students will be available for pick-up once we've arrived in the 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 for students that unable to secure a ride home from McEachern HS. Students can change back into school clothes and finish their 6th & 7th periods at school. Our LGPE performance will be considered an all-day, excused, school field trip-whether your child returns with us to LMMS for their last 2 periods or checks out with you.

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 8-2 students must be here at LMMS by 7:30 pm in their concert attire for their 8:25pm 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,

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