



MSBOA BAND FESTIVAL 2020



The MCC Bands will be participating in the MSBOA District 1 Band & Orchestra Festival on Tuesday, February 25th. The festival will be held at McBain HS. This is judged event, giving our student musicians an opportunity to showcase their abilities, gain valuable feedback from a panel of judges, and earn some public recognition for their efforts. Over 95% of schools in Michigan participate in MSBOA festivals.

Each band registers for festival according to the grades present in the band and school size. Classes for MS range from class D to class A. m Classes for HS range from class D to class AA. Because of the size of our school, our bands will both be in class D for their age group. Bands will each perform three songs on stage: a march, a piece chosen from a list of music graded for different levels of bands, and a freely selected piece. A panel of three judges will hear the band play and evaluate them using a rubric to assign grades in different musical categories. After the grades from each judge are averaged, their final performance grade is turned into a roman numeral from 1 (highest grade) to 5 (lowest grade). The three roman numerals are averaged together to create a concert rating.

After the on-stage performance, the band will move to a different location where they will participate in sight-reading. The band will be given an envelope with a piece in it that they have not seen before. The band and director have five minutes to prepare the piece, but cannot play their instruments during this time. At the conclusion of the 5 minutes, the band performs the piece. A single judge watches the band during the entire process and during the performance and evaluates the band using a rubric scorecard similar to that used in the performance portion. The judge will also have some time to talk to and work with the band.

At the conclusion of sight-reading, the judge's final grade is turned into a roman numeral and that is averaged with the concert rating to produce a final rating from 1 to 5. Bands that earn a final rating of 2 will get a wall plaque for the band room and red medals for all performers. Bands that earn a final rating of 1 get a wall plaque, blue medals for all the performers, and the opportunity to advance to the State Band Festival held in April.

Performances and sight reading are free and open to the public – parents are strongly encouraged to attend and support our bands! Full details below:

- WHEN:** Tuesday, February 25th
- WHERE:** McBain HS
- TIME:** The bus will leave MCC at 8:15am with both bands and their instruments. The bus will return by approximately 4:00pm. All students **MUST** ride the bus to festival, but parents attending the festival are allowed to take their children home with them after their performance.
- DETAILS:** The MS band will perform at 10:05am and sight read at 10:30am. After their rating is posted they will be chaperoned into the auditorium to listen to other groups with the HS band. The HS band will perform at 1:50pm and sight read at 2:15pm. After the HS band is finished and their rating is posted we will all board the bus and return to MCC.
- FOOD:** Students should eat a healthy breakfast before arriving at school. At McBain HS, concessions are available for lunch and snack type foods. Students are encouraged to bring a few dollars for food. Upon arrival, bands will go to the designated waiting room together as a group and chaperoned by adults. Students are not allowed to leave the group at any time.
- CHAPERONES:** At least one adult chaperone will be needed for each band to monitor the band in the gym while Mr. Gras is in the office. You can volunteer by checking the box on the permission slip. You may ride the bus or self-transport as you wish. As soon as the band goes to warm-up, your duties are done and you may go the auditorium to enjoy the performance. After the performance you can take your student. **WE NEED CHAPERONES PLEASE!**
- UNIFORM:** All students will wear their MCC bands polo shirt, black pants or slacks (please no skirts), black socks, and solid black shoes. The band has a number of pairs of black pants and solid black shoes available for loan. Contact Mr. Gras at rgras@sabers.org to arrange to borrow.

(cut off and return the permission slip below to Mr. Gras **NO LATER** than Wednesday, February 19th

My son or daughter, _____, has my permission to travel to, participate in, and return from the MSBOA Band Festival as described above.

Signed _____
(parent/guardian)

() I would like to volunteer to be a chaperone. Please contact me with more information.

Email address to send information to: _____