

September 14, 2018

Dear Music Families,

As a student in the Novi Middle School Music Program, your son/daughter will have many opportunities to perform this year. One opportunity is at Solo and Ensemble Festival. **This event takes place on Saturday, December 1st at Novi Middle School.** I am encouraging all students to consider participation in this event as it provides a wonderful opportunity for individual growth as musicians.

Solo & Ensemble Festival is an opportunity for individual students from member schools to perform a selection of their choice for adjudication. Each student or group of students is evaluated by one judge and rated on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the highest rating possible. Along with a rating, students will receive valuable information on how to be a better musician and tips on playing their instrument better. Participating students that earn a rating of 1 or 2 will receive a medal.

Things to consider when signing up for Solo and Ensemble:

- Most of your preparation for your event will be done at home.
- If you are planning to do an ensemble, make sure you and your partner(s) will be able to meet
- You will need to play your piece for your teacher before or after school at least 2 times before going to festival.
- You will need to call an accompanist early and meet with them twice before the performance (if you are playing a solo).

Important guidelines in choosing music for Solo and Ensemble:

- Music must be at least 2 minutes in length
- Must provide an original score or part (not a copy) for the judge to view
- Measures must be numbered (I recommend lightly in pencil)
- If solo calls for piano accompaniment (most do!), then soloist must play with a piano accompaniment (accompanists charge for their services)
- Music selection must be classical and published, NO movie or pop selections

Fees for Solo and Ensemble:

Solo \$10
 Piano Solo \$18
 Duet \$20 (\$10 from each member)
 Trio \$27 (\$9 from each member)
 Quartet \$36 (\$9 from each member)

For the December 1st Solo and Ensemble, please turn in money and form by **Wednesday, September 26th, 2018** in a sealed envelope with the student's name and Solo and Ensemble on the front. Make checks payable to Novi Middle School. Only one form per group is necessary.

Student's Name: _____ **Instrument:** _____

Event Type (please circle): Solo Piano Solo Duet Trio Quartet

Preferred performance time: Early Middle Late

Names of other students in ensemble and their instruments:

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Amount enclosed: _____