



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The HMS Band Program will perform their annual Spring Concert on Thursday, March 19th, in the **Hernando Performing Arts Center** at HHS. This is a **REQUIRED PERFORMANCE** for all band students at HMS. The doors will open to the public at 5:45 and the 6th Grade concert will begin at 6:00. The 7th and 8th Grade portion of the concert will begin at 6:45. The concerts are open to the public, and tickets are \$5 each. A ticket allows for admission to all concerts. Desoto County Schools employees and children 5 and under get in free!

The 6th Grade band and Concert Band will have joint band rehearsals during their regular class times on Wednesday, March 18. The 7th grade percussion class will join the rest of the Concert Band during 1st Block. All 6th grade band students will come to band during 2nd Block on Wednesday.

The 6th Grade Band will perform their concert first, starting at 6:00. After a short break to clear the auditorium, the Concert Band will start at 6:45, followed immediately by the Symphonic Band. If you do not have a student in the 6th grade band, please do not arrive until after 6:15 to help alleviate crowding.

6th Grade students should be in their seats on stage with all required materials no later than 5:00 on Thursday evening. All Concert Band students should be seated and ready to warm up on stage no later than 6:30. Students in the Symphonic Band should be seated in the audience with all supplies before the Concert Band performance begins at 6:45.

Students should wear concert appropriate attire. 6th and 7th Grade students should wear nice dress clothes (think business casual-No jeans, sweatpants, joggers, t-shirts, etc.), and 8th Grade students should wear all black concert attire like they did for their Prefestival Concert. Other than tubas and percussion, all cases should be left in the car, but all other needed equipment and music should be brought inside for the concert. This is a great opportunity for the students to show off what they have learned this year in band. We look forward to seeing you at the concert!

Thank you,

Hernando Band Staff