



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The HMS Band Program will perform their annual Spring Concert next Monday, March 25th, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Grade concert will begin at 6:00. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade bands will have joint band rehearsals during their regular class times on the day of the concert. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade band students will come to band during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period. All 6<sup>th</sup> grade band students will come to band during 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> period.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band will perform their concert first, starting at 6:00. After a short break to clear the auditorium, the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade band will start at 6:45, followed immediately by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. If you do not have a student in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band, please do not arrive until after 6:15 to help alleviate crowding.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade students should be in their seats on stage with all required materials no later than 5:00 on Thursday evening. 7<sup>th</sup> Graders should be seated in the theater classroom at the back of the HPAC no later than 6:20 PM, and the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders should be in the theater classroom no later than 6:40 PM.

Students should wear concert appropriate attire. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students should wear nice dress clothes (think business casual), and 8<sup>th</sup> 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