



# Hightower Trail Middle School Band

Andrew Cole & Fred Norton, Directors

## Solo & Ensemble Festival

Solo & Ensemble Festival provides you an opportunity to perform for an evaluator with an accompanist or with friends. You'll receive valuable tips on how to improve your playing skills.

The festival will take place on **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at Palmer Middle School**. *Before reading on*, be sure you're free from **8:30am-1:00pm** on that Saturday. Specific performance times will not be known until late October, and entry fees are non-refundable. You will need to provide your own transportation to and from Palmer Middle School.

Students may perform a solo (with accompaniment) and/or up to two ensembles.

**Solos:** If there is a published accompaniment for your solo, it must be heard. Ms. Logue, our Chorus Director, can record a CD of your accompaniment. If using a CD, you must bring it and a CD player to the festival. Recorded accompaniments that include *your* part are not permitted.

**Ensembles:** Be sure your ensemble members also submit their entry forms and fees on time, and are reliable for rehearsals. Try to use a traditional ensemble (see the next page) – it makes finding music a lot easier!

**Music Selection:** Mr. Cole, Mr. Norton, and your private lesson teacher can help you select appropriate music. The style should be classical (pop and movie tunes are not permitted). Due to copyright law, the original parts and original score must be brought for the judge. Students may use originals from our band library or purchase their own. To ensure the above is completed, students will get their music approved by Mr. Cole or Mr. Norton by Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Help:** The directors are available for help before school (8-9am) and after school (4:15-5:00). If you take private lessons, tell your instructor you are signing up so they can help you as well.

To ensure that students are prepared and represent our band well, they will play for the directors twice before the festival. Please refer to the following calendar:

<b>Friday, 9/2</b>	<b>Entry Form and Fees due</b>
by Friday, 9/9	Music Approval checkpoint
by Friday, 10/14	Performance #1 checkpoint
by Friday, 11/4	Performance #2 checkpoint
<b>Saturday, 11/12</b>	<b>Solo &amp; Ensemble Festival @ Palmer Middle School</b>

We wish all participants the best of luck in their preparation and performance!

Andrew Cole

Fred Norton

# Examples of Traditional Ensembles

Duets, Trios, Quartets, or Quintets of the *same* instrument

Duets, Trios, Quartets, or Quintets of the same instrument *family* (woodwind, brass, percussion)

Duets, Trios, Quartets, or Quintets of *high* instruments  
(flute, oboe, clarinet, trumpet, alto saxophone, French horn, mallets)

Duets, Trios, Quartets, or Quintets of *low* instruments  
(bassoon, bass clarinet, tenor & baritone saxophone, trombone, euphonium, tuba, mallets)

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Flute Ensemble

Oboe Ensemble

Bassoon Ensemble

Clarinet Ensemble (includes Bass Clarinet)

Saxophone Quartet: 2 alto saxophones, 1 tenor saxophone, 1 baritone saxophone

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**Woodwind Quintet:** 1 flute, 1 oboe, 1 clarinet, 1 bassoon, 1 French horn

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**Brass Quintet:** 2 trumpets, 1 French horn, 1 trombone, 1 tuba

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Trumpet Ensemble

French Horn Ensemble

Trombone Ensemble

Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble

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Mallet Percussion Ensemble

# Hightower Trail Middle School Band Solo & Ensemble Entry Form

\_\_\_\_\_ will participate in the Solo & Ensemble Festival at Palmer Middle School on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. We will provide our own transportation and understand that all fees are non-refundable.

***I will be playing (check all that apply):***

\_\_\_\_\_ Solo - \$7.00    \_\_\_\_\_ Ensemble - \$4.00 per member    \_\_\_\_\_ Ensemble - \$4.00 per member

***List the members of your ensemble(s):***

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| 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 7. _____ |

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$\_\_\_\_\_ (make check payable to *Hightower Trail Middle School*)

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

### ***USE A SCHOOL PAYMENT ENVELOPE:***

<b>School Payment Envelope</b> <small>Sobre Para Uso de Pago Escolar</small>		<b>Office Use Only</b> <small>Para uso de la Oficina</small>
<b>Student Name</b> _____ <small>Nombre del Estudiante</small> <b>Homeroom Teacher</b> _____ <small>Maestra de Salón Hogar</small>	<b>DATE</b> _____ <small>Fecha</small> <b>Grade</b> _____ <small>Grado</small>	<b>Date Received</b> _____ <b>Account</b> _____ <b>Cash \$</b> _____ <b>Check \$</b> _____ <b>Check No.</b> _____
<b>No Change Can Be Returned / No habra cambio; envíe cantidad exacta</b> <b>Send PTA and Lunch Money Separately</b> Envíe el pago para PTA y para los almuerzos separado		
<b><u>Amount/Cantidad</u></b>		
\$ _____	Field Trip / Paseo _____	Destination / Destino _____
\$ _____	Other / Otro _____	Description / Descripción _____
\$ _____	<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b> <small>Cantidad de dinero incluido</small>	

***ENTRY FORM AND FEES DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.***

*Entry Form goes in the blue basket in the band room. School Payment Envelope goes in the school safe in the Atrium.*