



All band students are invited to participate in the Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo and Ensemble Contest. This event is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, February 14, 2009**, at **Summit Hill Middle School in Frankfort**. Individual performance times will be scheduled between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:00PM. The performance schedule is usually available approximately two weeks before the contest day.

The Solo & Ensemble Festival is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn new music, perform with a piano accompanist and/or a small ensemble, and receive comments from a professional. The musical growth derived from participating in this event is unbelievable! Each participant will receive written comments from the judge and a Division I, II, or III rating. Students compete against a standard, not against other students.

### **SOLO PARTICIPATION**

All students are invited to perform a solo. Each student should obtain an appropriate contest solo from his/her private instructor. Students not studying privately can obtain a solo from Mr. Rank.

All instrumental solos, except snare drum and piano, **must** be performed with piano accompaniment. If needed, professional accompanists will be available for a fee (usually between \$30-\$40). This will include rehearsals with the accompanist, as well as the performance February 18. More information will follow for students expressing a need for this service.

### **ENSEMBLE PARTICIPATION**

Students may choose to organize a small ensemble. These require additional practice and rehearsal time because they are a team effort. This is a great way to learn how to work with others and have fun making music with friends.

### **HELP SESSIONS**

**Students must attend at least two help sessions in preparation for the performance..** Sign-up sheets will be posted in the band room. This is to ensure that students have the best possible performance experience. **Any student who does not complete help sessions will be ineligible for contest participation.**

### **SOLO & ENSEMBLE FEES**

Due to the high cost associated with Solo and Ensemble contests, we are required to collect fees for student participation. These fees go to cover adjudicator costs, medal fees and school usage fees. Students who participated in District 92 Band Fundraising are exempt from these fees.

**Solo Fee - \$8.00 per solo**

**Ensemble Fee - \$5.00 per member of the ensemble**

