

To: MMS Band Parents/Guardians
From: Mr. Moreland
Re: **IGSMA Solo & Ensemble 2017**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year's Solo & Ensemble contest is scheduled for **Friday Feb 24th and Sat Feb 25th at Carbondale Middle School**. I am giving each student his or her solo/and or ensemble music. Information about pianists is forthcoming.

It will be the responsibility of each student to: (1) contact an accompanist of their own choosing, (2) learn the piece, (3) set-up rehearsal times with the accompanist, and (4) have their piece fully prepared for the performance on Feb 24th or 25th. Calls should be made to set-up times by the end of January at the latest!

Solo and Ensemble is a great opportunity for students to experience a few aspects of what a professional musician must go through for a performance. This has been a very rewarding part of our program in the past and I expect nothing less this year. **Again, Solo and Ensemble Contest is required of ALL MMS BAND STUDENTS!** It will count towards their 3rd Quarter grade as stated in the MMS Band handbook.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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