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Dear Band Parents & or Guardians,

This letter is to inform you about band contest.

ISSMA JME (Indiana State School Music Association Junior High, Middle, Elementary Schools) Band Contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 17 @ Penn High School

I wanted to give you a few weeks notice for this important date because I would like to see all parents/families attend to support our band. I can request that we perform on Friday, March 16th instead of the 17th because some students/families have conflicts. If we have enough conflicts, they will grant the request to play on Friday the 16th. So please let me know asap what your child is scheduled for on the 18th (Below)

This is what I have to type in to submit a date change to Friday night:

Student Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Conflict:	<input type="text"/>		
Conflict Location:	<input type="text"/>		
Start Time:	<input type="text"/>	End Time:	<input type="text"/>

If and when they grant the request, I will inform everyone. I need your response by **February 6th latest!!!**

ISSMA rules:

- Students will perform 3 prepared contest selections as a band for 3 adjudicators. Each band will receive comments and a rating of a Gold, Silver or Bronze. Gold and Silver plaques will be shown on display at School.
- We are being judged on the following criteria in accordance with the Indiana Department of Education Music Standards: Intonation, Tone Quality and Blend, Rhythmic Accuracy, Note Accuracy, Articulation, Dynamics, Balance and Blend, Interpretation and musicianship, posture, appearance, student conduct, etc.
- NO playing/sound of any instrument prior to the designated warm up time. Penalties can and will be assessed.
- Once a performance begins, NO ONE will be allowed into the performance area until all THREE songs are complete. Parents, please plan to arrive 15-20 prior to your child's performance time.
- Electronic devices such as cell phones, pagers, watches etc. must be turned on mute in the warm up and performance areas.

Jefferson ISSMA History: Jefferson was built in 1931. Last school year, Jefferson performed in ISSMA contest for the first time ever in the school history and we won all GOLD! This year I am working toward a bigger goal which is called the ISSMA All Band Award. It requires that we win GOLD at all ISSMA events (Solo/Ensemble, Jazz, JME) We already received all GOLDS at Solo/Ensemble. Jazz Contest is March 2. Cadet and Concert Band perform for JME on the 17th (or 16th if we have conflicts)

ISSMA concert admission is free. More details will be forthcoming on how to get to Penn High School, where to park and an inside map. Parents, I have no objections to you taking your child home after the concert. Please make sure to check out your student with me after the performance. If they leave with you they will need to be responsible for their instrument even if it is a school owned instrument. All instruments need to be back to school on the following Monday morning.

Please remind your child they will need the following things:

- Instrument (labeled clearly with your name, address & school) and required equipment (reeds, mutes, sticks, mallets, valve oil, pencil, music, etc.)
- Folder, pencil & all concert music (labeled clearly with your name)
 - Cadet Band: Synergy, Fanfare Heroica, Reign
 - 7/8 Concert Band: Union March, Alien Invasion, Incantation & Ritual
- Concert Dress: Ladies wear black blouse and black slacks/skirt. Gentlemen wear black oxford/polo shirt and black slacks and shoes.

<u>Band Class</u>	<u>ISSMA Contest Date</u>	<u>ISSMA Concert Location</u>
Cadet Band	March 17 (16)	Penn High
Concert Band	March 17 (16)	Penn High

If you have any questions, or you wish to help on ISSMA contest day please feel free to send me a remind. Thank you for your support of music education at Jefferson ITS.

Musically Yours,

Dawn Forsythe, Director of Bands
Jefferson Intermediate Traditional School