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To: Whitko Middle School Advanced Band
From: Mr. VanPatten
Re: Middle School Contest
Date: Friday March 16th/Saturday March 17th

This is the most important performance of the year for this group, so we need everyone to make sure they are present. I am still waiting on the schedule to know whether we are performing on Friday evening or Saturday morning/afternoon. As soon as I receive this schedule from ISSMA I will let you know.

Behavioral Expectations

We are representing Whitko Community Schools at this event, so all students are expected to conduct themselves responsibly and professionally. Inappropriate language or disparaging remarks towards other groups will not be tolerated. As with all ISSMA events, playing of instruments is only permitted in warmup and performance, and only after Mr. VanPatten has given you the okay to do so.

Transportation

We will be riding a school bus to Goshen Middle School and back. Any student who wishes to have alternate transportation must provide a parent note by Thursday March 15th before contest. If you are riding the bus there and riding with someone else back I need to see you with the adult you are leaving with before you leave.

Instruments/Equipment

All students will need to take their instruments and music with them. Percussionists - we will need to take any small auxiliary percussion as well as our snare drum and cymbals/cymbal stands. We will also need to take our own sticks and mallets. Keyboard percussion instruments, bass drum, and timpani will be provided for us at Goshen. ***Do not forget anything, double and triple check to make sure you have everything you are responsible for.***

Dress

We will be wearing our traditional concert dress of khaki pants, nice shoes, and red Whitko Music polo shirts. Students will be given a shirt to change into before we leave for Goshen. If we are playing on Friday you will either need to wear these clothes to school or bring them to change into them after school.

Clinic

On Wednesday March 7th we will be joined by Mr. Randy Greenwell, Educational Support Manager for Conn-Selmer and former Director of Bands at Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis. He will be doing a free clinic with us as part of an outreach initiative by Conn-Selmer. This clinic will take place during our class time, we will just hold you through homeroom that day. Please make sure you are in attendance at school that day, it will definitely be something you don't want to miss!!



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If you have any questions about this event please email me at John.VanPatten@whitko.org. Thanks!!