

October 18, 2011

Dear Music Department Parents,

As you may know, every year the music department takes select ensembles to participate in an adjudication-based festival in the spring. This year, we will be traveling to participate in the High-Note Festivals at **HERSHEYPARK** on **FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2012**. In order for us to prepare for the trip, we need to confirm that your child plans to participate in the event. To help you make a decision, please review the information on this page and return the bottom portion to your child's Band/Chorus/Orchestra teacher **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2, 2011**. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate teacher listed below:

Mrs. Bell- Band Students bridgette.bell@hcps.org

Ms. Carlock- Chorus Students stephanie.carlock@hcps.org

Mr. Trosclair- Orchestra Students nicholas.trosclair@hcps.org

GENERAL FESTIVAL INFORMATION:

DATE: Friday, June 1, 2012

TIME: All Day Event (usually 6 AM - midnight)

TRANSPORTATION: Coach Buses

PARTICIPATING ENSEMBLES:

BAND: 8th grade, plus select invited students

JAZZ BAND: All eligible members

CHORUS: 8th grade, VIBES, Women's Chorus

ORCHESTRA: 8th grade, plus invited 7th graders

COST

Approximately \$85 per student and \$65 per chaperone.

This covers: Coach Bus, Festival Fee, Park Admission, and Shirts for students

DON'T WORRY- THERE IS A FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE!

Yankee Candle fundraiser (runs 10/18-11/2 with delivery December 7)- Packet was distributed with this letter

It is possible to fundraise the entire cost of the trip for students and chaperones!

Any profit that a student earns will be credited towards their individual trip balance.

THE COST OF THE TRIP WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE PAYMENTS, OR CAN BE PAID AT ONE TIME,

STARTING IN JANUARY

Can Parents Attend?

YES! There are two ways for parents to participate:

*Register to be a chaperone (first come first serve basis- see registration form)

*Drive on your own and meet us at the performance site, and then spend the day in the park with your child!

What is the agenda for the day?

- Leave EMS at approx. 6:00am
- Arrive at performance sites (Hershey area schools)
- Perform for a panel of judges
- Receive Critique and Ratings from the judges
- Travel over to HERSHEY PARK and spend the day on the rides
- Head home (return around midnight)

STUDENT NAME _____

RETURN BY 11/2

_____ YES! MY CHILD WILL ATTEND THE TRIP

_____ NO my child will not be able to participate this year

I understand that we are responsible for the cost of this trip and that the music department and Edgewood Middle School will not pay any of the costs associated with participation

Parent Signature _____

Chaperone information: Please put me on your list as a possible chaperone: _____ (name)
_____ (name)

You will be contacted by your child's music teacher if you are selected as a chaperone.

Please note chaperones must also pay to attend the trip.