

**MIDDLE SCHOOL VARSITY BAND**  
**U.I.L. CONCERT AND SIGHT-READING CONTEST**

Date: April 15th (FRIDAY)

Time: 7:30 a.m. - in seat dressed for contest with instrument and music and clothes to change into.

7:45 a.m. - Load and leave for Chapel Hill High School

8:30 a.m. - Warm-up on stage

9:00 a.m. - Performance time on the Chapel Hill High School Stage then proceed to the band hall for the Sight-Reading portion.

10:30 a.m. - Leave Chapel Hill and go to CiCi's pizza  
(Lunch is paid by Troup Band Budget)

12:30 p.m. Leave CiCi's and go to I-Jump on Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Bring \$3.00 by Thursday. Remainder paid by Band Boosters

1:30 p.m. Depart for Troup; return to last period class

Who may attend the concert?:

All parents, relatives, and friends are invited to attend, sit in the auditorium, and support our band. Visitors are allowed to observe the band in the sight-reading room, but no cameras or recording devices are allowed.

Transportation: We will be traveling on two Troup School busses.  
(departure time: 7:45 a.m.)  
(return time: 2:15 p.m.)

Chaperones: 4 Middle School parents and two band directors

Contest Dress: The band students need to wear Black and White. The boys should wear dress pants or dark slacks with a tucked in shirt and tie of their choice if possible. The girls should wear nice slacks and nice top, a skirt and top, or a dress. (Any combination of black and white) Girls dress appropriately. We do not allow short skirts, spaghetti straps, strapless tops or dresses. The outfits should be school appropriate.

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**REMEMBER:**

When we arrive at Chapel Hill High School, you must unload the bus, assemble your instrument, leave cases at the bus, and line up with your music and instruments. Line up in concert order starting with the first row of flutes. A contest guide will lead us to the warm-up room. We will tune, play concert Bb and concert Eb scales, and play through parts of the contest tunes.

We will then be lead to the concert stage to perform our 3 contest tunes for 3 UIL judges. Following the stage performance, we will be lead to the band hall to perform a sight-reading tune for three different UIL judges. Please remain standing when we enter the chair set-up until the director asks you to sit. At this time, you may empty the water from your instrument and take a deep breath. The judges will speak to you about rules and ask a few questions of the director and the section leaders. Check to see if you have the correct sight-reading folders and the correct parts. Keep music turned over until the director tells you to begin studying each measure. When being instructed, keep your fingers on your keys/valves and finger along each measure of music with your director. Focus on key signatures, time signatures, ritards, fermatas, rhythms, music style (separated or connected), accents, and accidentals. Remember that all accidentals apply until the bar line. After our study, make sure your stand is at the correct level to see your director, the baton, and your music. We will play the scale in half notes that start our tune. Please do not ask questions. You must play with confidence, pushing fast air through your horn, and watching the director for speed of beat, cues, and rehearsal numbers. After you perform, pass the music to your section leader to place back in the folders, leave folder on the stand, pick up your own music from under your chair, and exit the gym quietly and respectfully to the busses.

We will return to the busses, pack our things, wait on the ratings, then eat pizza. Your meal will be paid by the school. From there we will go to I Jump for an hour of jumping fun. We will return to the school by 2:15 p.m. Put all of your equipment away before you leave the band hall.

Remember you are representing your school, your directors, and your parents during your travel time, performance time, and eating out time. Thank your chaperones for volunteering their time to spend the day with the Troup Middle School Band.

Good Luck! Accept your ratings and be proud of the work and extra time you have spent to earn your ratings. We appreciate you for going above and beyond with your school grades to remain eligible to compete and also the time you have given to attend our extra rehearsals.

Mrs. Wilson and Mr Smith