

Kaegebein Elementary Bands

October 10, 2023

Dear Band Parents,

This letter is to inform you that your child has shown an interest in performing at the Erie County Solo Festival! Participation in Solo Festival provides many benefits: the task of preparing an individual piece as well as possible, the challenge of memorizing scales, the value of receiving feedback from a highly qualified judge, and the fun of having a student select his/her own music.

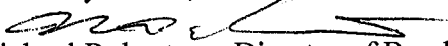
The Solo Festival will take place on **Saturday, January 6th, 2024 at Depew Middle/High School**. The festival will run all day, and individual times will not be known until approximately four weeks before the festival. Students who participate will be required to perform a solo (NOT from memory) from the New York State School Music Association manual, three memorized scales (rudiments for snare drum students), and basic sight-reading. The performance will take place in private before a county music adjudicator. This festival also serves to select the top performers on each instrument to be in the All-County Band! *Although all students are welcome to participate in this festival, only students in good standing with practicing and preparation will be eligible for All-County Band consideration.*

Before and after-school instruction will be available by appointment for any student who wishes to receive extra instruction. Students will need to be picked up after school if they come on Friday due to the absence of late buses. Please notify me by note, e-mail, or phone call if your child wants extra help.

If your child wishes to participate in the Solo Festival, please sign and return the below permission form **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**. *Because of a strict county deadline, late forms cannot be accepted.* As always, please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns at 773-8840 ext. 6030, voicemail #5944 (school), or 716-238-3672 (cell). You can also e-mail me at mikerobertson@gicsd.org.

Thank you for your support of our band program! I look forward to several of our students experiencing great success at this year's Erie County Solo Festival!

Musically Yours,


Michael Robertson, Director of Bands

I give my permission for my child to participate in the Erie County Solo Festival on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at Depew Middle/High School. I will make every effort to ensure that my child is present at the festival and well prepared on all materials for the performance. I understand that my child cannot be considered for All-County honors unless he/she is in good standing with practicing and preparation.

Student Signature

Parent Signature