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Entry Form for the ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest

Harrison High School in West Lafayette

January 30, 2027

Dear Wildcat Parents and Students,

Intermediate and Advanced Band students are preparing for the annual **Indiana State Schools of Music Solo and Ensemble Contest.** The band director is assisting students with the process of selecting good performance literature. Please take note of the entry-fee costs, location, performance attire, and responsibilities listed below. This is the **3rd Quarter Performance grade** for ALL Intermediate Band students. Students have 2 performance options:

- **Performance Option #1** – The ISSMA entry fee is required for this option. Students are highly encouraged to participate in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest at Harrison High School where their prepared performance will be:
  1. Judged by a professional musician or band director.
  2. Students will receive a judge's sheet with educational comments based on their performance.
  3. Students will also receive and Gold or Silver medal based on their performance.

- **Performance Option #2** – This option for students who have a documented conflict on January 30, 2027. The entry fee is NOT required for this option.
  1. This option is solos only. Students will submit their prepared solo piece to Canvas, just like a playing test…but much longer.
  2. Mr. Eisan will judge the prepared solo piece and provide educational comments in Canvas, but no fancy judges sheets or medals will be awarded.

What are the benefits of Solo and Ensemble Contest?

* Opportunity to be a better musician
* Opportunity to raise your personal performance level
* Opportunity to perform music different than what we see in our daily class.
* Personal satisfaction of attaining a goal

Entry-Fees – Due by Friday November 20, 2026

* Solos - $18.00 per solo
* Ensembles - $10.00 for each ensemble participant
* Cash is preferred, but you can send a check payable to Southwestern Band Boosters.

Performance Attire

Student performance attire will be their red and black band uniform, as described in the band handbook under concert attire. Performance attire is a caption on the judge's sheet.

When: **Where:** Harrison High School

* January 30, 2027
* All performance times will be announced in early January, after they are received by the band director from the Indiana State Schools of Music Association (ISSMA).

PLEASE FILL OUT THE PERMISSION SLIP BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE TEACHER BY 11/20/26



ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Permission Slip - Due 11/20/26

Please send cash or a check payable to: Southwestern Band Boosters

- **We have read and understand the criteria for the ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest at Harrison High School on Saturday January 30, 2027.**
- **Student performance attire will be concert black and white, as described in the band handbook under concert attire.**
- **Parents are responsible for providing their child transportation to and from the contest site of Harrison High School.**

IMPORTANT:

Indicate below which performance option you are choosing.

_____ Option #1 - ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest at Harrison High School on January 30, 2027.

_____ Option #2 – Upload your ISSMA prepared solo to Canvas by midnight January 30, 2027.

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Parent/ Guardian Signature Band Student Signature

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eisan via school email.