

**WAUKESHA CATHOLIC
BAND NOTES**

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Dear Band Parents and Students,

This is the first official informational band letter of the second semester. Its purpose is two-fold: to remind everyone once again of all the performance dates and band activities of the second semester, and to get a head start on organizing the solo/ensemble festival at the Waukesha Catholic Middle School. Please take the time to read very carefully.

First of all, the following is the complete Semester II performance list. Unless otherwise indicated, all dates were given to you in September at the end of the Band Manual. Secondly, the Solo/Ensemble festival at the Middle School is the first major band event. Much organization and planning is involved both before and on the day of the event. Please complete the second page of this letter to indicate your willingness to help with this event. Thank you.

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Solo/Ensemble Festival

Middle School Band Students only

All Day Event

Middle School Campus 6th Grade Wing

Friday, March 26, 2010

Café Create

Featuring Waukesha Catholic Fine Arts Students Grades 4—8

4:00—8:00 P.M.

Middle School Campus 6th Grade Wing

Monday, April 26, 2010

Middle School Spring Concert

6th Grade Jazz Band, 7th/8th Grade Jazz Ensemble
and SM/SW Cadet Band

7:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal in a.m.

Shattuck Auditorium Carroll University Campus

Thursday, May 6, 2010

Waukesha Catholic NOW Event

Select Middle School musical groups and student art work displayed

12:00

Country Springs Hotel

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Middle School Spring Band Concert

6th—8th Grade Bands

7:00 P.M. Dress Rehearsal in A.M.

Shattuck Auditorium Carroll University Campus

Please take note of the specific bands that participate in the performances listed. If your student is a member of that particular performing group, **participation is mandatory.**

For those parents who are unfamiliar with the solo/ensemble festival, here is a brief explanation. Each 6th—8th grade band student has been practicing his or her individual solo since mid-January. All students had an opportunity to voluntarily participate in ensembles (duets, trios, quartets, etc.) as well. All will play their final performance(s) on the day of the festival in front of a judge. Students will receive oral and written comments on their performances and a final rating (I, II, or III) from the judge. Students are not in competition with other band members, but are evaluated on their own individual performance. All participants will receive medals for their efforts.

Finally, I will be doing the scheduling for the festival the weekend of March 13-14. Each student's solo/ensemble will be scheduled in a 5—10 minute time slot beginning as early as 7:45a.m and ending as late as 4:00 p.m. **It is very important that you let me know as soon as possible if your student needs a specific scheduled time. Because of the number of students participating and the piano accompanists involved (each students' solo has a piano accompaniment except for percussion), I cannot make any last minute changes to the schedule after March 15.**

*One other note regarding Café' Create: Participation forms are due Friday, March 5. Letters went home with all music students on Friday, February 12.

Any questions or concerns, please contact me at home (414-546-6239) or at school (X331).

Musically yours,

Rebecca Van Treeck, Waukesha Catholic Band Director

Please complete and return to the school office by Friday, March 5, 2010. Thank you!

_____ I am willing to help with the Solo/Ensemble Festival at St. Joseph Middle School on Saturday, March 20, 2010. (Help is organized in shifts about 2 hours in length—more details to follow).

Student's Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Phone number