



Bailey Band

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Dear Wind Symphony and Symphony Band Parents,

The Bailey band is involved in a solo and ensemble contest on Saturday, April 10th, 2010. Originally this event was listed as optional for members of the Wind Symphony and the Symphony Band. After a fine arts meeting that we recently attended, the director of fine arts has told us that this event is to be required for all 7th and 8th grade band students in Austin ISD. He wants all of the students in the district to grow from this opportunity and become better players by having to prepare and perform a solo individually. We support this decision and think that it will benefit the band program. Our purpose for this letter is so you understand that this event is required now and will effect the students' band grade (just like a concert).

Each 7th and 8th grade student will receive a solo from a band director or his/ her private lesson teacher. The students should start working on this solo no later than February so that they are well prepared by April 10th. The preparation of the solo should take place outside of the student's band class (home practice, private lessons, etc.).

This event does take place on a Saturday, so please put it on your calendar now to avoid future conflicts. Since we were unaware of this change until recently, we had already planned our trip to Dallas on April 9th (the day before). This is not the ideal situation, but we will make it work this year!

Much more detailed information will be coming home as the contest approaches in April. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. **Please detach the bottom of this letter and sign it so that we know you understand the new requirements. Thank you!**

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I understand that the Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, April 10, 2010 is a required event and participation will be part of my student's band grade.

Parent Signature _____

Student Name (print) _____

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