

Band/Orchestra Solo & Ensemble Project

We will be doing a solo/ensemble class project during the first part of the third grading period, in addition to beginning to prepare music for district concert MPA.

EVERYONE will prepare EITHER a SOLO or a SMALL ensemble (maximum of 5 players) for the class project.

If you wish to prepare and enter a solo and/or ensemble for the FBA/FOA district solo & ensemble MPA, that will count for your project; you don't need to do double work. Information concerning FBA/FOA solo & ensemble MPA is on the back of this page. Participation in district MPA is optional; you may complete the class project without entering districts.

IMPORTANT: Participation in FBA/FOA have some particular guidelines that must be followed; your piece and ensemble must meet those requirements. Solos and ensembles that are only doing the class project have a little more flexibility.

REALLY IMPORTANT: If you want to enter DISTRICT MPA, please read the information on the back and give Mr. Benoit a heads-up **BEFORE LEAVING FOR WINTER BREAK** about what you would like to enter, and what assistance you will need from him (finding a piece, finding an accompanist, etc.). You can leave a note in the box or send via email. This is NOT a binding commitment, but if you are going to be successful, planning needs to start NOW.

Project steps:

1. You must decide whether you wish to do a solo event, or a small group (max. 5) may decide to do a small ensemble piece. DEADLINE: Thursday, Jan. 17. Start thinking about this NOW!
2. If you wish to participate in the optional FBA/FOA event, you must enter. DEADLINE: Thursday, Jan. 17. Start planning for this NOW if you wish to enter!
3. You must select a piece to perform that is approved by Mr. Benoit (or if you'd rather, he will assign you a piece). DEADLINE: Wednesday, Jan. 23.
4. You must have at least 2 coaching sessions with Mr. Benoit on your piece; we will do some of these in class, but they can be at lunch and after school as well. DEADLINE: Thursday, February 14. There will be sign-up lists for times for this.
5. Presentations will begin on Tuesday, February 19. You will select your performance day & time at your 2nd coaching session.