



**Minnesota Band Directors Association North West  
Beginning Band Festival  
And  
Second Year Band Festival**

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

Congratulations! Your child has been nominated by his/her director to participate in a very special event for first and second year band students. **On Saturday, May 8, 2010**, over 150 beginning band students from throughout North West Minnesota will gather at Horizon Middle School in Moorhead, MN for the First and Second Year Beginning Band Festival sponsored by the Minnesota Band Directors Association (MBDA). Thank you for making plans to allow your child to be a part of this performance opportunity!

The MBDA Band Festivals are morning activities; registration begins at 8:00 am. It concludes with back to back performances of the 1<sup>st</sup> year band and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year band, beginning at noon. Students should dress as if they were attending a wedding or special event. The concerts will be brief, and you should be on your way by 12:45pm. Area band directors will be working with your child, providing a positive, rewarding experience. The concert is free and open to parents, relatives and friends.

Selecting members for the band festival is a difficult process. Many qualified students were not chosen because we have to maintain a balanced ensemble. Please complete the medical emergency form that accompanies this letter and have your child bring it to the 8:00am registration in Moorhead on May 8.

Congratulations on your child's nomination to this band. This may be the beginning of a lifelong and rewarding musical experience.

Sincerely,

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May 8 Schedule

- 8:00-8:30 Registration
- 8:30-9:15 BB Band rehearsal/ 2YF Sectional (distribute parts)
- 9:20-10:00 BB Sectional (distribute parts)/ 2YF Rehearsal
- 10:00-10:20 Snack/Restroom break
- 10:25-11:45 Final Band Rehearsals
- 12:00-12:40 Concert for parents