



North West Minnesota Band Directors Association

Beginning Band Festival And Second Year Band Festival

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Congratulations! Your child has been nominated and selected by the nomination committee to participate in the NW MBDA First or Second Year Honor Band Festival held on **Saturday, May 7, 2011**. The response for the festival was tremendous. Over 180 beginning band students from north west Minnesota will gather at Horizon Middle School in Moorhead for the festival (directions to Horizon Middle school may be found on the back of this sheet or on MapQuest). Selecting band members for the festival is a difficult process. Many qualified students were not chosen in order to maintain a balanced ensemble. 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. The back to back performances will be brief, and you should be on your way by 12:45pm. Students should dress as if they were attending a wedding or special event. Please complete the Medical Emergency Form that accompanies this letter and have your child bring it to the 8:00 – 8:30am registration in Moorhead on May 7.

Participating students will receive the music from their band director about three weeks prior to the festival. Students are responsible to prepare the music before May 7th. The noon concerts are free and open to parents, relatives and friends.

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

Sincerely,

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Honor Band Schedule

- 8:00-8:30 Registration
- 8:30-9:15 Beginning Band Rehearsal/ 2YF Sectional
- 9:20-10:00 Beginning Band Sectional/ 2YF Rehearsal
- 10:00-10:20 Snack/Restroom Break
- 10:25-11:45 Final Band Rehearsals
- 12:00-12:40 Concert