

March 17, 2015

Dear Parents,

We are writing to remind you of an important day in your child's development as a musician. On Friday, March 27th, Solo and Ensemble Contest will be held at Athens High School. Some sixth grade, all seventh and eighth grade band and choir students and all high school band and choir students will be participating in events at the contest. Band students were given their solos and small group pieces right around the holiday break. You should be hearing them practice at home, and hopefully hear continued improvement in their playing.

Solo and Ensemble allows students to prepare for a goal of performance. A qualified adjudicator evaluates each performance, giving both written and verbal comments to each performer. As part of our preparation, students have studied, in depth, the composers, style of the music and all of the musical and technical aspects of the piece that they are preparing. Solo and Ensemble helps to build confidence, reinforces the value of preparation and hard work, and gives students a feeling of satisfaction for a job well done.

We will have a bus schedule later this week, with one bus leaving at 6:45 AM for early events and two buses to follow after school starts. Please ask your child for this schedule and their performance times. We have given them their performance time, asking them to write it on this memo for you. Due to the required travel time to and from Athens and the length of the festival, students may need a ride for school on this day. Attire for the day should be dress clothes and dress shoes. Jeans, T-shirts and sweatshirts are not appropriate concert attire. Please look at your child before they leave home, to be sure that their clothing choices are appropriate for a school event.

Lunch will be served with a menu coming later. Please send your child with a few dollars or a bag lunch the day of the festival.

The public is invited to attend the event, and we encourage you to come and support your child and other student musicians. If you wish to bring your child home from Athens, please fill out the form required by the school and return it in by Thursday, March 26. We have attached one to this memo for your convenience.

Thank you for your continued support of music at the Rib Lake Schools.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robisch
Band Director, Rib Lake Schools

Ms. Levendusky
Choral Director, Rib Lake Schools

Performance time(s) _____

Rib Lake Redmen Transportation Request Form

I give permission for _____ to ride home from
_____ with me or the person indicated who is a grandparent, aunt,
uncle, or adult sister or brother. The person providing transportation will be
_____. By signing this form I accept liability for transportation.

Parent/Guardian

Date

This form must be completed and turned in prior to the student leaving the event.