

# JMS 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BANDS

CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY

## **Annual Music Festival** **Friday, February 28, 2020** Fayette, Missouri

The JMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band students will be preparing music to perform at the CMU Music Festival on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Each of the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band classes will be preparing ensemble music for each instrument section or the entire class. This type of ensemble-playing is part of our band curriculum and I believe this will be a great experience in their musical career. I want this to be a positive experience for the students, therefore total preparation is mandatory. It will take a great deal of effort on the part of the individuals involved, but the benefits from a festival such as this are many.

Students wishing to perform solos at the festival are expected to practice their music with a private instructor. Students may wish to form another, separate ensemble from the class but will need to take the initiative to prepare and practice mostly on their own. Due to time limitations during the school day, students in ensembles may need to meet for several rehearsals after school. Each student must make a commitment to work hard and to be at all extra rehearsals. If a student is not prepared, the results will not be positive. Being unprepared will affect other members of the group and the experience may be a deterrent for future participation in music activities.

Unfortunately, we are unable to pay for the entry fees due to strict limitations with our budget. However, students paying for their own entries generally have an added incentive to work hard and do well.

Please sign the attached permission form and include the appropriate entry fee. Have your son or daughter return it to me by **Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at [jcanepa@cpsk12.org](mailto:jcanepa@cpsk12.org) or call 214-3210.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jaime Canepa  
Director of Bands  
Jefferson Middle School

## CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

### **General Information**

Listed below is some information regarding the music festival held in Fayette, MO on Friday, February 28, 2020. This festival will be held during the day. We will probably not know the specific times of events until the week of the festival. Should you have any questions or concerns please let me know as soon as possible.

1. Transportation will be provided. We will go by school bus to and from Fayette. All students will leave JMS with the group! A parent wanting to have their son or daughter leave CMU with them after their performance should notify me in writing.
2. ALL SCHOOL POLICIES & EXPECTATIONS ARE IN EFFECT throughout the festival. The level of behavior expectations, if anything, is higher while we are guests at Central Methodist University.
3. Those students entered in a solo or ensemble performance will stay until all entries have finished, unless other arrangements are made. Much of the day will be spent at CMU, making it necessary for students to eat in Fayette on campus. You should have money for lunch or bring a sack lunch.
4. ALL STUDENTS WILL ATTEND AS MANY JMS PERFORMANCES AS POSSIBLE. One of the many educational aspects of these festivals is the opportunity to hear various groups perform. All JMS students are expected to attend JMS performances as well as performances from other schools.
5. During unstructured time, students are allowed free time to eat, socialize, get snacks, etc. The campus is very small with many other students in attendance, and unsupervised time is allowed. All students will be responsible to be with Mr. Canepa, or at another performance, eating establishment, or campus site. REMEMBER that we are guests, and your actions, behaviors, and attitudes reflect not only on you but your band, your school, and your community. You are delegates of Columbia Public Schools and we want everyone to know just how great you are.

