

Autrey Mill Middle School Band
Wendy Wilson, Director

Dear Band Parents and Students,

February 2022

The AMMS Band will be performing at the GMEA (Georgia Music Educators Association) Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) event that will be held March 23, 2022. The entire event runs for three days (3/22-3/24) with our performance on Wednesday March 23rd. This year the event will be held at Chattahoochee High School in Johns Creek. (5230 Taylor Road Johns Creek, GA 30022)

This evaluation performance is an event where bands within our district come together to perform three prepared selections from a required list for three judges. The judges offer comments and an overall rating of our performance. The band is then asked to play a piece that they have never seen before. This is the sight-reading process. The students are given a couple of minutes to study the piece and then the director is given a few minutes to talk about it. Both of these steps are done without any playing or rehearsing. At the end of that time the band is asked to play the piece and another judge offers comments and a rating. Comments are based on how well the state standards of performance are executed and the ratings range from Poor (V) to Superior (I). LGPE is one of our biggest and most important performances of the year. This performance is the equivalent of the GA Milestones for Band. It is an opportunity for students to demonstrate all of the skills they have learned throughout the year and be given a professional critique on how those skills are developing. This event requires much concentration and focus of the students but is a very exciting and rewarding experience.

Our performance is scheduled for Wednesday March 23, 2022 Our performance time is scheduled for 9:30AM. Parents are encouraged and welcomed to attend. The performances are free and open to the public. We would love to have a strong showing of parents, family, and friends in the audience for our performance, but we understand that the time of day may not allow that. This is a required Fulton County Schools and AMMS Band program performance. All students are expected to attend. The performances will be held in the auditorium at Chattahoochee High School

What Time: Students will report to AMMS at 7:30AM to gather equipment and load the buses. Students will leave for Chattahoochee HS at 8:00 AM. Students should return to AMMS around 12:00PM. We will have lunch when we return to AMMS.

7th & 8th Grade Band

Meeting Time:	7:30AM
Departure:	8:00AM
Warm-up:	9:00AM
Performance:	9:30AM
Sight-reading:	10:00AM
Depart:	11:30AM
Return to AMMS:	12:00 PM

Travel: We will be taking Charter buses.

What to Wear: Band uniform: Black Pants, White Polo Shirt, Black socks, and Black shoes. Students **MUST** have the entire uniform. Judges pay attention to these details and it makes an impression. Please make sure you are dressed appropriately for this event. Check now to see that your uniform is in order and it fits. 😊

What to Bring: Instrument in great playing condition, reeds, valve oil, slide cream, sticks/mallets, mouthpieces, and all music, etc.

Electronic Devices / Book bags: Cell phones and all other electronic devices are NOT allowed on this trip and should be left at school. We will be on an official school trip and all school rules will apply. Behavior is expected to be at the highest level during all aspects of the trip. Book bags should be left at school.

Lunch: Students will eat lunch once we return to school.

Cost: There is no cost for this event as all fees have been covered in the AMMS Operations Fee.

Other Important Information: Teachers are aware of this event and the students involved. Students are responsible for all work that is missed. Students will be marked FIELD TRIP indicating they are involved in a student activity for the day. This is an approved school absence.

Parent Helpers Needed: This will be a very important day for our students and your assistance is needed. Please let me know if you are available to help with any of the following by filling out the bottom portion of the permission slip on the attached page:

Duties include: assisting getting students on the buses, monitoring students for restroom breaks, assisting with percussion equipment if necessary and making sure students remain silent once we get to the school so we can move quickly and with a purpose.

I will send an email confirmation to you once we have gathered all of our helpers as well as specific guidelines as to how the event works and student expectations.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Permission Slip: Please fill out and sign the attached permission slip so your student can perform at this event. If you are able to go and would like to chaperone this event with us please indicate that on the form. If there are any medical concerns or medication that needs to be administered while we are gone please let me know that as well.

Musically yours,

Wendy Wilson
Director of Bands

Trey Martin
Principal

In preparation for this event, we will have a **PRE-LGPE concert**
(see performance details on separate sheet)
on **Wednesday, March 2, 2022**
at 6:30PM
in the AMMS Gym

7th Grade Full Band Rehearsal & ALL Percussion
March 1, 2022
at 8:00AM
in the AMMS Band Room

Additional Rehearsals: To Be Announced

Autrey Mill Middle School
Large Group Performance Evaluation Permission Slip
Chattahoochee High School – Wednesday March 23, 2022
DUE: February 28, 2022

Student Name _____ Grade _____

My child has permission to ride the bus to and from Chattahoochee High School and participate in the GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation on March 23, 2022. I am aware that this is a required performance for the AMMS Band program.

Parent Signature

Emergency Contact Phone Number

Medical Concerns, Medication or Needs:

***Medications need to be submitted to the AMMS Clinic with the appropriate paperwork by Friday, March 18, 2022.**

CHAPERONE INFORMATION:

_____ I would like to chaperone this very important event to and from the performance and can ride the bus.

Name of Parent Volunteering (Please print)

Email Address

Cell Phone #

******Parents wishing to volunteer and chaperone must complete the volunteer registration documents (Video, volunteer form, and a copy of your driver's license) before being able to attend with us. All of the documents can be accessed from the school website and MUST be returned to the AMMS front office.**

Chaperones ONLY:

_____ I will be completing the Volunteer Documents at <https://www.fultonschools.org/volunteer>

_____ All of my Volunteer paperwork is already on file at AMMS.

Permission slips must be returned no later than Monday, February 28, 2022
Please return this page only.