

February 13, 2025

To: GMS Music Students and Parents

Re: IGSMA Organizational Contest

This letter is to inform you that **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**, the GMS Singing Tigers and GMS Concert Band will be competing at the Illinois Grade School Music Association's Organizational Contest held at Germantown Hills Middle School. **This is an 11:00 a.m. early dismissal day. Students will stay at GMS to eat lunch (bring a sack lunch, please), take group photos for the yearbook and rehearse before leaving for contest.**

- All GMS Chorus and Band members will wear their concert attire **all day and should arrive to school dressed in uniform: Performance polo, tan khaki pants (No shorts), all-black shoes and all-black socks! Points will be deducted by the judges if we do not have complete uniformity.** Band students will wear their marching band uniforms during the contest performance over the items listed above.
- Students should bring money for the cafeteria if planning to eat dinner at Germantown Hills Middle School.

**Here is the schedule for the GMS Band:**

2:00—Leave GMS  
2:30—Band members arrive at GHMS and go to homeroom  
4:40—Band members listen to the GMS Chorus performance  
5:00—Band members go back to homeroom and put on marching band uniforms and get instruments ready  
5:10—Band members leave homeroom to go to warm-up room  
5:15—Band warm-up  
**5:40—GMS Concert Band Performance time (JUDGED)**  
6:00—Band members go back to the homeroom, put away instruments, hang up marching band uniforms, eat in cafeteria and wait for results  
7:00—Band/chorus members load bus and leave for Georgetowne  
7:30—Approximate arrival time at Georgetowne

**Here is the schedule for the GMS Chorus:**

2:00—Leave GMS  
2:30—Chorus members arrive at GHMS and go to homeroom  
4:15—Chorus members leave homeroom to go to warm-up room  
4:20—Chorus warm-up  
**4:40—GMS Singing Tigers Performance time (JUDGED)**  
5:00—Chorus members go back to the homeroom  
5:40—Chorus members listen to the GMS Band performance  
6:00—Chorus members go back to the homeroom/eat in cafeteria  
7:00—Chorus/band members load bus and leave for Georgetowne  
7:30—Approximate arrival time at Georgetowne

- **ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEST IS MANDATORY ATTENDANCE FOR ALL CONCERT BAND AND CHORUS STUDENTS!!!**
- Contest is open to the public. Family members may attend any of the performances if they desire.
- If parents wish to take their son/daughter home following their performance, they may do so. A sign-out sheet will be in the homeroom to sign your child out.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us.

Mr. Woods  
GMS Band Director

Mrs. Woods  
GMS Chorus Director