



Concert Performance Assessment

Dear Students and Parents,

The eighth grade orchestra is performing for CPA (Concert Performance Assessment) on Monday, March 10th at Greer High School. We will leave Northwood Middle school at 11:50am and return to the school by 3:40pm.

- 11:50am - Leave Northwood MS
- 12:30am - Arrive at Greer High School
- 12:40pm - Warm-up time
- 1pm - Performance on Stage
- 1:20pm - Sight-Reading
- 1:50pm - Leave for Chick-fil-a
- 2:05pm - Arrive at Chick-fil-a
- 3:10pm - Leave from Chick-fil-a
- 3:40pm - Arrive at Northwood MS

How does Concert Performance Assessment work?

CPA is a judicial event where three orchestra judges will be listening, recording, and giving written comments on how the orchestra performs. Their expectations are extremely high and all students must play, perform, act, and look professional. Once we arrive at the school, we will unload the bus and come into the building quietly into the warm-up/unpacking room where we will tune and run through the music. After twenty minutes, we will move onto the stage to

perform our music. Afterwards, we will move to the sight-reading room where the students and myself have ten minutes to look at a new piece and then perform it to the best of our abilities. The judges will add all of the scores together once we are done and we will receive a plaque with our rating.

What do the students wear?

The concert attire for everyone is white polo shirt for the top and black pants (school appropriate, and no jeans, **no shorts**) for the bottom. **Shoes need to be black. The judges will take points off of the entire group if we do not match, so it is very important.**

Do we need help from parents to help chaperone the trip? YES!!

We will be taking one bus to Greer High School and have 30 students. We need at least three chaperones. To be a chaperone, you must contact the Northwood office, 864-355-7000 or just stop by, and complete a Volunteer level 2 form. Then you will be clear to be a chaperone. The trip is not possible without parents chaperoning. Also, please contact me so I can make a list as well: pmurch@greenville.k12.sc.us

Thanks so much and I look forward to our students having a great time and doing an outstanding job!!

Sincerely,

Patrick W. Murch