**Sign and return to Mr. Grogan by Thursday December 18, 2014th**

Greetings Barber Band Family!

We are going to be starting our first annual Symphonic Camp for the 8th grade bands and a select few 7th graders. For the 8-1 Band, we are honored to have Dr. Tonya Millsap conduct the band for the weekend. For 8-2, we will be having Dr. Brian Nichols. This is an excellent opportunity for your students to be exposed to some of the very best in the band teaching profession. We are having our first (and hopefully annual) Symphonic Band Camp on January 23rd and 24th. The 8-1 Band will be on both days and 8-2 will just be Friday night, the 23rd. This should be a highly challenging, inspirational, and rewarding experience for your child. The students will get full band rehearsals with our guest conductors as well as group lessons from professionals on each instrument.

This Symphonic Camp is at no cost to the students. At Barber MS, we feel so strongly at providing this opportunity to our students that we are willing to cover the costs completely minus food for Friday night. For Friday night, the students can elect to bring a sack lunch or turn in $10.00 to the black boxes located around the school with a payment envelope marked, “Band Symphonic Camp.”

I must stress how important it is for us to have 100% participation at this camp. We really need the whole team there, as we are using this event as our catalyst to kick off what will become a very successful concert season. This is a required event and is graded for all 8th grade students. If a student needs to miss for whatever reason, there will be a make-up research project that will require the students to spend about an equivalent amount of time on it. This make-up will be for full credit. For Disney students, attendance to the Symphonic Camp is in the Disney contract that was signed and returned to one of the performing arts teachers at the beginning of the school year. Outlined on the back is the schedule for the Symphonic Camp, as well as the parent permission slip. Please sign and return this to Mr. Grogan by Thursday, December 18th, 2014. With the permission form, please include $10 if your child is going to eat the pizza and refreshments on Friday night, January 23rd.

**\*7th Grade Students who are selected to perform with the 8th Grade Bands MUST attend Symphonic Camp AND pass off all of the 8th grade music individually in order to perform with the 8th graders for LGPE.**

Robert Grogan

Director of Bands

Barber Middle School

Schedule

Friday, January 23rd (8-1and 8-2)

3:15 p.m. – Report to the Band Room

3:30 p.m. – Rehearsal Begins with Large Ensemble Specialists

6:00 p.m. – Dinner – Pizza Delivered at Barber

7:00 p.m. – Rehearsal with Dr. Millsap

9:00 p.m. – Rehearsal ends

Saturday, January 24th (8-1 only)

8:00 a.m. – Students report to the band room (Breakfast is on their own)

8:30 a.m. – Sectionals

10:30 a.m. – Rehearsal Begins with Dr. Millsap

12:30 a.m. – Students dismissed from rehearsal and prepare for the Concert

1:00 p.m. – Symphonic Camp Concert

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* **My student does have permission to attend the Symphonic Camp and will be bringing $10 for Dinner**
* **My student does have permission to attend the Symphonic Camp and will not be bringing $10 for Dinner**
* **My student doesn’t have permission to attend the Symphonic Camp and will do the make-up assignment**

Student’s Name Student Signature Date

Parent / Guardian’s Name Parent / Guardian Signature Date