February 24, 2014

Dear Parents,

On Thursday, March 6th, Band students from the West Chatham Middle School Band program will be participating in the annual Georgia Music Educators Association Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) concert at Armstrong Atlantic State University. This is an important performance for our students as they will receive valuable feedback from professional Band judges on their performance. The information gained from this performance will be used to help motivate and shape the continued music education of your band student. Attached is a Parent Permission Form for this trip. Each student must have this permission form signed by a parent/guardian by the date listed below in order to participate in the LGPE event. Our performance at Armstrong Atlantic State University is free and open to the public (family, friends, etc) to attend and show their support.

Parents wishing to pick their student up at AASU following the onstage performance and sight reading session are welcome to do so as long as a written request is submitted to the Band Director by Wednesday, March 5th. Written requests must include a parent phone number as well as the name of the parent picking the student up. Students will only be release to a parent.

This trip is only being offered to those 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students that have the ability to demonstrate well disciplined behavior, dependability, and the ability to accurately perform the required musical selections. Not all students will be able to attend. Students that do not demonstrate appropriate/proper classroom behavior, and/or are not proficient in performing the selected music will not be allowed to attend the field trip. A few parents are needed to help chaperone this field trip. If you are able to help, please contact Mr. Jervis via email at richard.jervis@sccpss.com.

Please see the reverse side for further field trip agenda and student dress information. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me via email or phone. All Parent Permission Forms must be returned to the Band Director by Tuesday, March 4th.

Sincerely,

Richard Jervis

Director of Bands

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Parent Help

A few parents are needed to help chaperone this field trip. If you are able to help, please contact Mr. Jervis via email at richard.jervis@sccpss.com.

Dress Code: What Students Are To Wear for the Performance

Girls:

* **Student ID**
* Solid black dress pants or a solid black skirt (no jeans, denim, or mini-skirts)
* Solid black dress shoes
* Solid white (school uniform style) shirt

Boys:

* **Student ID**
* Solid black dress pants (no jeans, or denim)
* Solid black dress shoes and socks
* Solid white (school uniform style) shirt
* No ties

Personal Items

Student purses, phones, MP3 players, jackets, etc. must be left on the school bus at all times while at Armstrong State University. If taken off the bus, these items will be confiscated and only returned to a parent. The Band Director, nor the school, will be responsible for lost or stolen items.

Agenda

* 8:15: Load bus and depart for Armstrong Atlantic State University from West Chatham Middle School
* 8:40: Arrive at AASU, check in, and warm-up to prepare for performance
* 9:20: Perform on state at AASU Fine Arts Auditorium
* 9:45: Sight-reading session
* 10:05: Load Bus
* 10:15: View other school band performances
* 11:30: Depart for Savannah Mall
* 11:35: Eat lunch at Savannah Mall
* 12:20: Depart for return to WCMS
* 1:00: Arrive back at WCMS