

January 23, 2019

Concert Orchestra students and parents,

The Concert Orchestra has two events coming up this year that you need to know about and be prepared for.

First, on Tuesday, February 12 all of the Concert Orchestra students will be performing a solo piece for a class recital in the orchestra room starting at 5:30 pm. I am hiring an accompanist to play with them, and this is their major performance grade for the six weeks rather than having the students participate in the Pre-UIL Benchmark Assessment Concert. They do not need to dress up for the performance, however, we do enjoy having a little pot-luck reception afterwards to celebrate their accomplishment. Performing a solo with a pianist is new to most of the students in the class, so we really appreciate having as many family members as possible in attendance to cheer them on. If there is a parent who would like to coordinate the pot-luck I would really appreciate it. Please email me if you are interested. The recital should be done between 6:30 and 7:00 pm.

Second, the Concert Orchestra will be performing at Six Flags on Saturday, May 11. As the Concert Orchestra is a small group, we must have all students participating in order to perform. The entry fee per student is \$45, and if you have a season pass it is \$10 per student. Chaperones are \$40 per person and need to be approved volunteers, but I will take as many chaperones as want to go. I am already using some of the funds available to me to lower the cost per person for the event, plus I am paying the initial entry fee and bus out of my own funds, so as I explained to the students this is the lowest I can drop the price and still be able to take the students to a performance event. If you will have difficulty paying the \$45 per student, we have one last fundraiser starting this coming Monday, January 28, and will be selling Nothing Bundt Cakes. These sell like crazy, so it should not be difficult to raise enough money to help pay for the entry fee.

Your entire entry fee for the Six Flags Contest will be due by **Friday, February 22**. Please pay cash, or make checks payable to Bell Orchestra. If you want to use booster club (fundraising) money to pay for your entry fee, please come pick up a booster club transfer form from me so we can get it paid for.

Please email me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Mrs. King