



L.D. Bell and Lamar HS Orchestras
Pre-UIL Benchmark Assessment Concert

Dear Parents,

The date of our Pre-UIL Benchmark Assessment Concert will be Monday, February 11 at Bell High School. All Philharmonic and Symphony students regardless of eligibility will be participating in this event, as it is our benchmark assessment concert for the year. The concert will be a three-part process and will mimic the format of the actual competition. Students will be wearing their formal concert uniforms for this performance.

Each orchestra will have a “call time” in which they will need to arrive at the warm-up room. Please read the following schedule so you are aware of when your student will need to be ready to perform.

	<u>Warm-Up</u>	<u>Concert</u>	<u>Sight-Reading</u>
Bell Philharmonic	4:45 pm (on stage)	5:15 pm	5:45 pm
Bell Symphony	7:15 pm (orch room)	7:40 pm	8:20 pm

The Philharmonic Orchestra will need to be dressed in concert uniforms and on stage no later than 4:45 pm.

There will be Central Junior High orchestras warming up or performing while we are not. Therefore, please keep the hallways near rooms we are using quiet so the other orchestras are not disturbed. I realize this may cause a traffic jam in the orchestra room as we are attempting to put equipment away while other groups are warming up. However, the Bell orchestra students should be able to conduct themselves appropriately and quietly to avoid distracting the Central students and causing time to be wasted during their warm-ups.

Parents and relatives are encouraged to watch the concert. However, audience members may only enter and exit the auditorium in-between orchestras or selections. Once the judges arrive, orchestras will be keeping to the schedule as closely as possible, so please be patient if you attempt to enter late and are asked to wait outside until a selection is complete. Since this concert will not only be recorded, but also judged in order to help us better prepare for UIL, it is imperative that our recordings are clean and that the judges are not distracted. Please do not attempt to speak to the judges during the performance, as they will be very busy critiquing the music.

If you have any other questions regarding the format of the concert, please contact Mrs. King.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. King