

## **NPBS Chamber Music Festival**

Saturday 2/4/2012 8am-3pm

### **Performance Guidelines**

1. This event is open to the public and anyone that wants to watch the performances is more than welcome to come for any or all of the festival at no cost. Please conduct yourself professionally and let your demeanor reflect positively on the band program at Newbury Park.

2. Dress professionally for your performance – Business attire appropriate for a formal performance in front of a judge that probably doesn't know you personally. Be prepared to put your very best foot forward. No jeans, tennis shoes, or white socks. Gentleman wear a button down shirt with a tie, ladies can wear slacks, skirt, or a dress. As always, please make sure you are fully dressed (shirt tucked in, collar buttoned, tie tied) before you come to school.

3. You'll need an original copy of your selection to present to the judge when you enter the room. Many people found their music inside of a book in the music library. You may use that book for your performance and then return it when you are done.

4. All groups may warm up in the band room before your performance. Please be outside your performance venue 10 minutes before your assigned time.

5. When you enter the performance room, greet the judge with a smile and present an original copy of your music to them. Feel free to take a moment to organize any equipment you might need (music stands or percussion equipment), put some warm air through your horn, and maybe play a couple quick notes to get a feel for what your instrument sounds like in that space. If your group would like to tune quickly, that is also fine but don't take more than 30 seconds; most of the tuning should have already been done in the warm-up room.

6. Once you perform your piece, the judge will take a few minutes to make some comments and offer some suggestions for you to improve. After they have given you some feedback, you can gather your music (including the judge's copy) and return to the band room. Ratings sheets will be available at each of the breaks in the schedule.

You have worked hard to prepare for this performance and you should feel confident that you will do well. Try to remember that everyone is rooting for you to do your best and if you relax, you give yourself the best chance to give your best performance. Use this opportunity to develop some comfort level with playing in public and try to enjoy sharing what you have prepared.

Good Luck!

Mr. Crystal