

Dear 8th Grade Band Members and Families,

The purpose of this message is to give you some important information about the next two weeks.

The concert in Fergus Falls Eighth Grade Band's performance scheduled for February 10th in the high school gymnasium has been moved to **February 9th at 8:45am**. Family and friends are welcome to attend this performance. Students are to wear their concert dress for this performance.

February 12th Itinerary

5:00 am	Load (be in concert dress)
5:30am	Depart
8:30am	Arrive at Convention Center (use bathrooms, set-up equipment, etc.)
9:00am	Warm-Up
10:30am	MMEA Performance
11:30pm	Change, load equipment on bus
12:30pm	Depart for Hard Rock Café
1:00pm	Lunch at the Hard Rock Café
2:00pm	Load and Depart for home
5:30pm	Home

As our departure time is so early in the morning and we will not be making any food stops on the trip down, students should pack some food to eat on the ride. Everyone must come in their concert dress because there will be no time to change before the performance. If they wish to pack a change of clothes for the Hard Rock Café and the bus ride home they may do so. There are still a few open seats open on the bus. If you would like to take the opportunity to ride down with us you will need to send a \$20 check (to the Fergus Falls Band Boosters) by Friday, February 5th.

For those attending the February 12th performance, I have been asked to inform you that video or audio taping is not allowed. The band's performance will be professionally recorded and CDs may be ordered through me. The order form is attached to this sheet. Checks for \$11 are to be made out to WESTMARK. Please have the check and order form returned by February 16th. Please note that we must get an order of at least 10 CDs to make a group order. If we do not get enough orders then each student will have to order individually from WESTMARK at an increased cost.

I want you to know that Mrs. Wiese, Mr. Iverson and I are very proud of what these students have achieved over the course of this year. They are an amazing group of students and it has been our pleasure to work with them. They are going to represent Fergus Falls well when they perform their program at the Minnesota Music Educator's Association In-Service.

-Mr. Kummrow