

Elementary-Junior High Solo Festival Scheduling Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The annual Instrumental Solo Festival will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at Pleasant Valley Junior High School. The Festival will run from 4:15 – 8:00 p.m. All band members in grades 6 - 8 in the Pleasant Valley Community Schools will participate in this event.

We do not require that the students have a piano accompanist with their solo, but to avoid conflicts in our scheduling, we must know which students will be using an accompanist. NOTE: The pianos used at the Centers are functional, one is a Clavinova, but not all of them are in “top shape”.

Please return the bottom form by Monday, February 13, so we can begin scheduling. We plan to distribute the schedule early the next week. Due to the difficulty of scheduling over 300 solos, please do not ask us for special times after the due date.

We would like to share a few hints with you to help our students perform to the best of their abilities.

1. All reed players (clarinet, saxophone, oboe, and bassoon) should have at least three (3) reeds that are in good playing condition at all times. No student should ever play a solo, or at a public performance with a new reed.
2. If an instrument needs repair work done prior to the Festival (or a concert), please ask the repair person to supply you with a “loaner” instrument so your child will be able to continue practicing while the instrument is being repaired.
3. Please do not wait until the weekend before the festival (or a concert) to have repairs done on any instrument, unless it is an emergency.

We want this Festival to be a fine educational experience for each of our band members. Your help with this event is greatly appreciated by the Band Staff. Thank you in advance for your help!

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Kristin Pauley
PVJH, Pleasant View

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO YOUR BAND DIRECTOR BY MONDAY, FEB. 13

Please print the information

Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Instrument _____ Name of Solo _____

Is there anytime on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 between 4:15 – 8:00 p.m. that you could **NOT** play your solo at Pleasant Valley Junior High? *Junior High boys basketball and swimming both have events that night. Please request a time AFTER 6:30pm, to avoid that conflict.*

Please do **NOT** schedule me between _____ P.M. and _____ P.M.

Is there any other student(s) you wish to have your child scheduled near to help with car-pooling? Please indicate who that student is here: _____

NAME OF PIANO ACCOMPANIST (if you have one) _____

Telephone number _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____