



Higgins Middle School Music
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As our trip to the Great East Festival approaches, we would like to provide you with details to help you and your child prepare for Friday, May 10. Firstly, students **MUST** arrive at school on time for the start of the school day. Students should report to the *auditorium* at 8:05 am (not earlier, please) to meet their chaperones. We will depart from school **NO LATER than 8:30 am** for our performance site, the MassMutual Center in Springfield. We will leave Six Flags at 6:30 pm and anticipate a return to school at approximately 8:30 pm.

Students will need to wear their unaltered Higgins Music t-shirt, shorts/jeans, and sneakers. *Students do not need to wear formal concert dress for their performances. No bathing suits are allowed.*

Students should plan to bring a small bag with:

- water
- snacks for the bus ride
- spending money (Please note: Six Flags is a cashless facility. Students may use a credit/debit card OR bring cash to load onto a card provided at Six Flags.)
- mobile phone

Students will contact you when we are en route to the Higgins so may plan for a timely pickup.

For Band members only: There will be a MANDATORY dress rehearsal on the evening of Wednesday, May 8. All students who are attending the trip MUST come to this rehearsal as it is the only opportunity for our 7th and 8th Grade Band members (who will perform as one ensemble) to rehearse together and prepare for Friday's performance. The rehearsal will take place in our auditorium from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Band members who ordered a shirt will receive theirs at the rehearsal.

Please contact us with any questions.