

PINEHURST INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

ECMEA SOLO FESTIVAL

January 7, 2012

(registration deadline Friday, Nov. 4th)

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Please be advised that your child has expressed an interest for participating in the Erie County Music Educator's Association (ECMEA) Solo Evaluation Festival. **The solo festival will be held Saturday, January 7, 2012 at Depew High School.**

Your child is working on a solo in lessons. Your only cost involved is the purchase of the solo music which is usually between \$5-\$10. **This solo is a big undertaking and requires a significant amount of practice. Only students who can seriously commit to practicing the minimum of 100 minutes through January 7th will be considered.** I have assigned a solo that I think your child is capable of performing. It was chosen to help your child grow as a musician and enhance his/her skills beyond the lesson book. If your child would like to participate, but on a different solo, please let me know and we can change it.

Each participant will be assigned a ten minute block of time to perform their solo, 3-7 scales from memory, and play a small piece of music at sight. Percussionists play rudiments instead of scales. Students will receive verbal as well as written comments from a certified adjudicator. The score from the solo can be used as an audition for the elementary all-county music festival which performs at Kleinhan's Music Hall the weekend of March 9th and 10th.

I am very excited that your child has considered participating. It is a wonderful goal to keep them practicing and to get comments from someone other than me! Please remind your child to practice and prepare their solo. I am sure they will be more comfortable the more they are prepared! **If practicing is not possible, they should opt out of this event.** Interested students will need to play 3 scales from memory for Mrs. Sutfin by November 4th and have at least 100 minutes or more of practice each week.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sutfin

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TURN IN TO MRS. SUTFIN BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

I understand the necessity of regular practice to prepare for such an event.

I give my child _____ permission to participate in the ECMEA solo festival to be held January 7th at Depew High School.

Parent signature _____

