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MY Time Slot: _____ Room #: _____

Dear Parents;

Solo and Ensemble Contest is fast approaching...Saturday, February 23 at Atherton HS!

Here are several tips to help you and your student:

- Several students have been coming in the afternoon for assistance with their solos. Please make an appointment with me in order to do so.
- I will NOT be at Meyzeek on Saturday morning. **The students are to take their instruments and music home on Friday, the 22nd!**
- “Dress for success”...not a tuxedo or prom dress, but “semi-formal” attire IS appropriate.
- Plan on leaving for Atherton 1.5 hours before the performance time.
- The contest is held at Atherton High School, which is located at 3000 Dundee Road. Please park on the EAST side of the school, NOT in the loop (FIRE LANE) on the West side! Parking will be “interesting,” as there is also an archery tournament at Atherton that day.
- Have enough time to find the judge’s room where you are to perform *before* you are in a hurry!
- Don’t forget to BREATHE! Remember, deep breathing will slow your heart rate, lower your blood pressure, and make you play better, since AIR is what makes the wind instruments work!
- DYNAMICS, DYNAMICS, DYNAMICS!!!
- Relax and make MUSIC! Always remember: **you are an artist!**
- I have made a map of Atherton is on the reverse of this letter...

As always, if you have any questions, please feel welcome to email (address above) or use the Remind! Service, if you’re in a hurry, as it comes straight to my cell.

Musically Yours,

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