

To: Wind Ensemble Students and Parents
From: Miss Anderson
Re: Great East Festival (Friday, May 24)
Date: 4/8/19

The Wind Ensemble and Advanced Choir will be participating in the Great East Festival in Amesbury, MA on Friday, May 24. This is an adjudicated performance. We will play for 2 judges who will evaluate our performance. We'll receive a score sheet and recorded comments from each judge. One of the judges will do a short clinic with the group at the end of the performance.

We will be leaving BJH at 7:00 AM. The Wind Ensemble is tentatively scheduled to perform at 10:30. (Advanced Choir is scheduled for 10:00.) Our performance will be in the Amesbury Middle School Auditorium (220 Main St., Amesbury, MA). The performances are open to the public.

Following our performances, we will spend the rest of the afternoon at Canobie Lake Park in New Hampshire. Unless weather conditions cause our plans to change, we will head for home around 5:00. We should be back at school around 7:30 PM.

Brunswick School Department covers MOST of the costs for this festival including the group registration fee, and a portion of the student fee. The remaining cost for each student will be \$25. (Note: this does not include "spending money" for the amusement park (money for food, souvenirs, etc...)). If your child is in both Wind Ensemble and Advanced Choir, they only need to pay ONE \$25 student fee! If you need financial assistance to cover the cost of the trip, please let me know as soon as possible. There is scholarship money available.

Dress for the festival is "all black" (long shorts/capris would be appropriate). We are not allowed to change clothes at the performance site and students will not be allowed to change on the bus! Students may change in the bathrooms at the park but they will not be able to go back to the bus to leave clothes/bags. There are lockers available for rental.

From the Canobie Lake Park website:

Q: Do you rent lockers at the Park?

A: Yes we do. All day locker rentals are available at the rental counter located across from the entrance to the Giant Sky Wheel. We have three sizes available: the small locker costs \$5, a medium costs \$7 and a large costs \$10. A \$5 refundable key deposit is required in addition to the locker fee.

*Prices subject to change without notice.

Plan accordingly! Regardless of whether you stay in concert clothes or plan on changing, clothing MUST MEET BJH DRESS CODE!

This trip will involve two meals (lunch and dinner). FYI- Canobie does not allow food and/or beverage to be brought into the park but there are LOTS of food choices in a wide range of prices. Students can also bring a small cooler or bag lunch to eat on the bus on the way to the park and/or on the way home. I can also arrange for a "field trip bag lunch" from school. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like this option.

If you are interested in the rides/food venues/layout of the park, Canobie has a great website!

<http://www.canobie.com/index.html> (Please note that you are not allowed to enter the "water park" BUT you can ride the "Boston Tea Party".)

This is always a long, rewarding, fun day! If you have ANY questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Please return the attached participation form as soon as possible. All wind ensemble musicians should return a form. There is a check box to indicate your musician is not participating.

Great East 2019

Student Name: _____

Will not be participating in the Great East Festival. (Please sign below. Medical/Emergency info not needed)

Has permission to attend the “Great East Music Festival” in Amesbury, MA and Canobie Lake Park (NH) trip on Friday, May 24. (Please complete Medical/Emergency info!)

\$25 participation fee attached: Cash in an envelope labeled with student name (recycled is fine!) or check made payable to “Brunswick Junior High School Music Boosters”

I agree to provide my own health/accident insurance in the event that my child sustains an injury while participating in this event, and further understand that the Brunswick School System does not provide medical insurance for this purpose.

In the event of accident or serious illness to my child, I request and hereby authorize school employees to administer such medical assistance or to transport my child to a physician or hospital for emergency care. I expect to be informed of my child’s condition and of the treatment provided as soon as possible.

List any illness or condition that your child has that may affect him/her during the festival: _____

List any medication your child requires during the festival: _____

Phone number where you can be reached during the festival: _____

Students will need transportation home from the Junior High at 7:30 +/-

We will use “Remind” to send travel updates. Please sign up for the Remind BJH 2019 Wind Ensemble Group if you have not already done so: <https://www.remind.com/join/9gb88c>

This Festival is being partially funded by the Brunswick School Department. Eligibility for the Great East trip includes:

- **passing grades in all classes**
- **exemplary behavior in and out of the band room**
- **consistent attendance at all rehearsals/performances**
- **participating as a positive member of the ensemble.**

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Student Signature:
