

# Edison Middle School

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South Bend, IN 46615  
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Dear Band Parents & or Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of an excellent opportunity for your child. February 2, 2019 is the annual Solo & Ensemble Contest (*held at Northwood HS in Nappanee*) sponsored by the Indiana State School Music Association. (ISSMA) Students grades 6 thru 12 are invited to participate in performing a solo (one person) or an ensemble (three or more) for a judge.

Here is the info:

- Solo fee is \$15.00 (due November 21, 2018)
- Ensemble fee is \$7.00 per member (due November 21, 2018)
- All music performed must be copyrighted. (copyright law)
- Solos and ensembles must be chosen from the ISSMA event list. (ISSMA.net)
- Original copy goes to the judge. Students play from a photocopy.
- Solos may be performed with or without piano accompaniment or with CD or ipod/mp3 player docking station.

Here are some reasons that this opportunity is worthwhile:

- ❖ Fosters small group learning & teamwork
- ❖ Students get feedback from other professional musicians/teachers.
- ❖ All students receive a medal & score sheet for participation.
- ❖ Learning is accelerated because of smaller teacher/student ratio.
- ❖ Students get to hear other musicians from other schools perform.
- ❖ Helps gain self-confidence

Finding the music:

- Solos: Consult your private teacher. If you are not taking lessons, please consider starting.
- Ensembles: Provide Mrs. F with a list of who is in your ensemble and what instrument they are playing so I can find music that is best suited for all. (sign up sheet)

If you have any questions, please feel free to send me a remind or e-mail me. [dforsythe@sb.school](mailto:dforsythe@sb.school)  
Thank you for supporting your childs music education.

Musically Yours,

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