

Haines Middle School Band

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Dear parents of 8th Grade Band

As part of the class, the 8th grade band is going on a field trip on Friday, February 8 , 2008 to work with an outstanding conductor at Northwestern University in Evanston. Dr. Dan Farris will be conducting and working with our students. This opportunity will greatly enhance the students understanding of the music and performance of the pieces we are working on. You will be able to hear these works performed on our concert Thursday night , February 21 at North High School.

We will leave Haines at 8:30 am. We will travel to Evanston and arrive at approximately 10:00. The Clinic will go for 90 minutes at the university at Regenstien Hall, which is one of their music buildings. We will then stay on campus for lunch and then return to Haines in time for 8th hour. To pay for the buses we are asking for a check of \$10.00 payable to Haines Middle School. If the money is a concern for your family, please write me a note, call or email me. Please send back the bottom of the permission slip as soon as possible.

Please make sure your student has money for lunch, and dresses appropriately. Gentlemen need to be wearing collared shirts and tidy jeans or khakis, and ladies need to wear nicer clothing that is still comfortable for a long bus ride and to play in.

I am really looking forward to the students working with Dr. Farris. This will be a wonderful educational opportunity for us all. Mr. Stombres from North High School will be joining us for the clinic. At the conclusion of the trip the students will receive an assignment to write a short reflection about what they learned and experienced.

Sincerely,

Erik Swenson

_____ has my permission to travel with the Haines
(Student Name)
8th Grade Band to Northwestern University on Friday, February 8, 2008.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)