



# SHOAL RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND SOLO & ENSEMBLE (APRIL) INFORMATION

Open to 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students

**NOTE:** Due to the large number of participants from Shoal Middle School Band in Spring 2024, we will now be participating in both the February AND April Solo and Ensemble dates. Students may perform on either date or both!

Your student is invited to participate in the Florida Bandmasters Association (FBA) Solo & Ensemble Festival which will be held on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Avalon Middle School in Milton, FL.** Solo and Ensemble is an ensemble sponsored by the FBA that is designed to foster interest in music by providing a short-range performance goal for students in middle and high school. The students who participate in this event will prepare a solo or an ensemble to perform at this event. The performance is evaluated by certified adjudicators and a rating is given for each performance. The music that the student will perform is selected from the FBA graded music list. The student and the band directors will collaborate on the selection of music. Each student is allowed to enter up to four events, but each event must be different, (only 1 solo, unless they are performed on different instruments, 1 duet of like instruments only, 1 trio, 1 quartet, and 1 choir).

The entry fee is \$15.00 per person. This year we will only be playing solos. Make checks payable to Shoal River Middle School Band. Those students who play a solo will perform with a piano accompaniment. As a courtesy, an accompanist will be provided and paid for by the Shoal River Middle School Band.

Each solo is expected to practice and prepare this entry on their own. We will learn these solos during class. Additionally, each solo will be expected to practice with accompaniment 3 times. Other than the performance, there will be no required out of class time.

**CAUTION:** STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO PROPERLY PREPARE MUSIC WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM AT THE FESTIVAL. *ANY ENTRY FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.* Students will need to provide their own transportation to and from the event.

**Band Force Points are awarded to those who participate as follows: Solo – 10 points; Superior ratings – 5 point. Maximum chair points possible – 15 points.**

**\*\*\*The deadline to sign up (with entry fees paid) to participate in the Solo & Ensemble Festival (April date) is March 14th, 2024**

**\*\*\*The Solo and Ensemble Festival (April date) is Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Avalon Middle School in Milton, FL.** You will be provided final details, performance schedules, and other important information concerning the festival at least one week before the event. If you have any questions, please contact [Noemi.Ruiz@okaloosaschools.com](mailto:Noemi.Ruiz@okaloosaschools.com)

**Saturday, April 13th, 2024**

**Avalon Middle School in Milton, FL (Times TBA)**