

# *Algonquin Regional High School*

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Dear Parents and Students,

Please read carefully, there is a great deal of important information here! On Saturday, April 1, 2017, the Algonquin String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band will travel to Bellingham High School to participate in the annual MICCA Instrumental Festival. It is the purpose of the Massachusetts Instrumental & Choral Conductor's Association to encourage and support high performance standards by high school, middle school, and elementary school musical organizations. MICCA Concert Festivals encourage the improvement of a group's musical standards by providing musical adjudication by highly qualified adjudicators. Attendance at a festival also affords organizations an opportunity to hear performances by other groups and experience the presentation of a wide variety of musical literature. Our instrumental groups will perform for a panel of adjudicators, and will receive a 30-minute clinic with one of the judges, in addition to score sheets, a CD with judges comments and a CD of the performance. ARHS has been successfully participating in MICCA for many years, and it is a performance requirement for our curricular ensembles.

The Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and String Orchestra bus will depart from Algonquin at **12:00pm**, and the expected return time is **5:00pm**

## Schedule for the festival:

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| Symphonic Band warm-up:       | 1:00pm |
| Symphonic Band performance:   | 1:30pm |
| Symphonic Band clinic:        | 2:00pm |
| String Orchestra warm-up:     | 2:00pm |
| String Orchestra performance: | 2:30pm |
| String Orchestra clinic:      | 3:00pm |
| Concert Band warm-up:         | 2:30pm |
| Concert Band performance:     | 3:00pm |
| Concert Band clinic:          | 3:30pm |

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All students are expected to ride the bus to and from the festival. No student is allowed to drive themselves. Parents are encouraged and welcome to attend the performances and clinics, and with advance notice via a note, may dismiss a student and drive them home if you wish. We strongly encourage students to stay for the festival to hear and support other groups. There will be food available at Bellingham to purchase. Algonquin will have an assigned storage section at the festival, and students can bring snacks with them if they wish. Please do not bring valuables to the festival!

Please consider chaperoning this event. We could definitely use the help with attendance, keeping students on schedule at the festival, and supervising in the auditorium for concert etiquette, etc. Please check the box below, and leave your email address if you are interested in attending as a chaperone. We will contact you as we get closer to the event with details.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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I give \_\_\_\_\_, permission to ride the bus for the MICCA Festival on Saturday, April 1, 2017. I understand that this performance is a requirement of the course.

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Parent/Guardian Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I am interested in chaperoning this year for the instrumental MICCA Festival

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

**Please return by Friday, March 10, 2017**