

Hello all, we are approaching the first concert of the year and I wanted to answer any questions that you may have

Where- Freedom Baptist Church
2124 Frank Ledbetter Memorial Dr, Ranburne, AL 36273

When- Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 pm CST

Attire- Either casual formal (Slacks, appropriate length skirt, or dress and nice shirt with dress shoes if you do not have any and you marched you may use your dinkles) or Christmas attire (I.e. Ugly sweater) No pajamas, jeans, flip flops, or crocs!

Attendance- Students are required to attend. Band is a performance based class and thus the majority of their grade comes from the performances. The concert is worth **Two test grades!** Band is very much a communal activity and we very much rely on each other to be successful. When a student misses, it not only affects that student, but the entire band!

Call time- 5:30 pm CST

This is the time that the students need to be at Freedom baptist Church, not getting there, but already there. Each band will warm up and get used to the way that the band will sound in the church, as every location will sound different and this gives them the time to adjust their ears.

Students who are late will receive a reduction in one letter grade!

Post performance- Each student is required to be in attendance for the entirety of the concert, not just their portion. There will be a section for each band to sit in when they are not performing. While in the audience I expect each student to follow proper concert etiquette and support their fellow bandmates.

We will need help in loading everything back into the trailer to take back to the school. I ask that every student helps in this process so that it goes quickly.

I will also need a few students who are willing to help unload the trailer at the school once everything is over.

Concert etiquette- Concerts are a formal event that has a standard etiquette that not everyone may be aware of, this section is by no means to lecture nor insult anyone, but to inform those who may not be aware of concert etiquette. This section applies to almost any “classical” concert that you may attend, be it a high school band concert, or even a professional concert such as the Atlanta symphony orchestra.

- Please make sure that you are already seated by the start of the concert so that you are not moving as the concert starts
- If you need to leave for any reason, please do so after the band has finished the current song they are playing so as to not distract from the performance for other guests. Same goes for if you arrive late, please wait for the completion of the current song before finding your seat. An exception to this is if you need to remove a restless or crying child.
- Please no flashing photography
- While a band is playing please refrain from talking. If you must say something to your neighbor, please whisper very quietly and directly into their ear so that those around you cannot hear your comments.
- Please do not applaud until the end of a song, this includes if a soloist has just finished their solo. The conductor will usually acknowledge any soloists after the song so that you may applaud and support them. This is different in jazz band and marching band where you are welcome to cheer them on as they finish their solos.
- Please silence any noise making electronic device that you have.
- If multiple groups are performing please stay for each performance not just the one your child is in. Every student has worked hard and deserves a full audience.
- Above all else enjoy the show and make sure that you are allowing everyone else in attendance to do so too.

Again I want to stress to you that I am absolutely not adding this section to insult anyone, but to share with you expected etiquette for concerts that you may not have known about before now.

Programs- I will provide programs on the day of the concert, as of right now each of the four bands will be playing 3 songs each.

If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out, I will gladly help in any way needed. These students have been working very hard and I can't wait for you to see their progress!

Kevn Dunham
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