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HIGH SCHOOL

Parents/Students:

Yes, it's that time again. . . the Solo & Ensemble Contest on Saturday, March 6, at Bloomington High School. I am a local piano teacher with over 20 years' teaching experience and am willing to provide piano accompaniment for your son/daughter. Please provide me with the following:

1. a good photocopy of the accompaniment (copied front to back) with each complete measure numbered before it is photocopied so you only have to number it once;
2. the metronome setting that your son/daughter uses for the piece and a recording (cassette or CD) of their solo so I can determine their tempo and get a better feel for the style of the piece;
3. \$40 (cash only please); and
4. a 9 x 12 manilla envelope to deliver these in.

This packet should be delivered to me **as soon as possible** so that I have ample time to prepare before rehearsing with you.

You should arrange to meet with me in my home in Eagle Ridge Subdivision for 2 half-hour lessons prior to the contest date, and do so as soon as possible because those slots fill up quickly. The rehearsals will probably be on a Saturday or Sunday. Additional practice times can be scheduled in my home at the rate of \$15.00 per ½ hour, and more advanced solos may possibly require at least 3 rehearsals.

Closer to actual contest time, I will get the student's solo time and room number from you or the band teachers. Please feel free to give me a call and discuss your son/daughter's progress at any time. Please make sure that you have two original copies of the solo music: one for the student and one for the judge. Each of those also needs to have the measures numbered for purposes of the judge's evaluation.

This contest is a valuable experience for your son/daughter in which they have an opportunity to be critiqued by other music professionals and for them to see and hear their peers' performances, so please seriously consider their participation.

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