



Greetings,

Solo and Ensemble is right around the corner and I am very excited to hear all of you perform. This is a great experience and I know that if you prepare yourself properly, you will gain a lot in the process. I have attached a list of 20 helpful suggestions to help you succeed. Please read over them so that you can have the best experience possible. I am available most days after school to assist any soloist that would like my help (and I strongly urge you to do so). Please don't hesitate to ask, I would be happy to help.

All students have been assigned a specific time slot, but it is my policy that you will stay to support all of your Newsome colleagues who share your block of time. It is always nice to have an audience, especially one who will support and clap for you! Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your block so that you can locate the room and get yourself settled. I will meet you in the room with your books.

I have attached the schedule so that you can see your date and time. Please remember that even if you are later in the block, you need to arrive for the beginning of the time block. It sometimes happens that a judge runs ahead of or behind schedule, so plan to be a little flexible. Food will be available for purchase if desired.

Make sure to bring all original books of music for your accompanist and the judge. If I selected your music then I will bring the books for you, just be sure that you find me and get them. No photocopies will be allowed!!

You have worked hard to prepare for this event, so be sure that you dress in a way that reflects that hard work. Ladies should wear semi-formal attire (dress, or dress slacks with a dressy blouse, and dressy shoes). Gentlemen should wear dress slacks, a button up dress shirt and tie with dress shoes.

Solo and Ensemble is being held at **Blake High School**. This is approximately 45-50 minutes from Newsome. When you arrive, please look for signs and student guides to lead you to the appropriate place. The address is:

**Blake High School
1701 North Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33607**

Good Luck! I know you will do a superb job.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bogue
Choral Director