



**HMS Band Festival Trip
Friday, May 29, 2009
North Andover, MA**

Dear Parents of Band Members:

This year the 6th Grade Pegasus Band, the 7th grade Intermezzo Band, and 8th grade HMS Concert Band will perform at the Great East Festival in North Andover, Massachusetts. This is an adjudicated festival where groups play for a panel of band directors and receive a rating, written critique, and clinic. The day also includes a trip to Canobie Lake Park. The HMS Bands have gone to the festival for the past six years and have received gold medals at each of their performances. This is a good goal to work toward, a good opportunity to see other bands from New England, and a nice reward for the extra work the students put into the band program throughout the year.

We have registered to attend the festival on **Friday, May 29**. We will be leaving the school at approximately 8:15 am by deluxe motor coach, and will return at approximately 9:00 pm. The transportation cost is over \$5,000.00 and will be covered by the HMSBPA. The cost per student will be \$50.00, which includes festival registration fees, a commemorative band T-shirt, and a Canobie Lake Park admission ticket. **FULL PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN FEB 6th, 2009.**

This trip will include approximately 225 students. It will require chaperones to monitor small groups of students on the bus and in the park. Bus space is limited, so please respond promptly as the seats will fill in the order they are received, "first come first serve". Parents are welcome to drive to the festival on their own; directions will be provided. The group price for an adult ticket to Canobie Lake Park is \$25.00 per person. Please fill out the form below and return it to Mrs. Grande with a check made payable to HMSBPA.

-----**Return to Mrs. Grande by February 6th**-----

_____ has my permission to attend the Great East Festival.
Student's name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Yes _____ I will chaperone and ride the Bus.
file.

Yes _____ I have a current CORI form on file.

Student fee \$ _____

Chaperone fee \$ _____

\$ _____ Total amount enclosed.