

# ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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January 5, 2011

Dear ABHS Wind Ensemble Students & Parents:

Our big performance is quickly approaching! Here are some last minute details and pertinent information, including an attached itinerary and medical form/permission slip.

- Medical Form:** Please fill out and sign the attached Medical Information/Permission Slip sheet and turn it in to Mr. Visnaw ASAP. Students must turn all medications in to the chaperons for proper dispersion.
- Luggage:** Do not over pack! You will only be gone one evening. Students may bring one carry-on bag and also one suitcase to be stored inside the bus luggage area. You will not have access to the stored bag until hotel check-in. You are solely responsible for your luggage, including your instrument.
- Concert Attire:** We will be hanging the concert attire in the trailer. Bring your uniform in a garment bag and label that bag. If you do not have a garment bag, see Mr. Visnaw.
- What to Bring:** Because we will be a part of a "professional" setting, please dress nicely for all day Thursday and Friday morning's events (do not wear jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes, etc). After our performance on Friday, we will try to get a spot to change into more comfortable clothes for the ride home. For both days, all clothing must be neat, clean, and modest.
- Other Needs:** Your instrument, a wire stand, music, extra reeds & mouthpieces, sleepwear, toiletries, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc., camera/film, spending money (for snacks/souvenirs), and a timepiece. Optional: Travel game, MP3 player, etc.
- Rules:** **ALL SCHOOL RULES ARE IN EFFECT!!!!** Anyone caught breaking these rules, or other rules set forth by the hotel, Mr. Visnaw, or the chaperones will be subject to **immediate dismissal** from the trip and performance. See attached "General Rules" sheet for more details.
- Contact Info:** If you need to reach me or one of the chaperones while we are in Grand Rapids, please contact **Jessie Jensen** at (586) 321-4165. The number for the **Amway Grand Plaza Hotel** is (616) 774-2000.
- Departure:** Drop off luggage to ABHS **before school** on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Our call time for loading/departure is **1:00pm**. After the student exams, a lunch will be provided by the Band Boosters, followed by loading of equipment.
- Return:** The students should arrive back to ABHS at approximately **8:00pm** on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Equipment and instruments will need to be unloaded at that time.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to attend the Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> Band Booster Meeting at 7:00 PM in the HS Band Room. You can also contact me at (586) 648-2500, ext. 2359 (Visnaw) or by email at [dvisnaw@abs.misd.net](mailto:dvisnaw@abs.misd.net). All information and a copy of the itinerary can be found at [www.anchorbaybands.org](http://www.anchorbaybands.org).

Musically yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. David Visnaw II". The signature is stylized and includes a flourish at the end.

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## MICHIGAN MUSIC CONFERENCE ITINERARY (2011) - ABHS WIND ENSEMBLE

### *TIME EVENT*

#### THURSDAY (1/20/11)

- 6:45am – 7:15am Drop off luggage in marked practice rooms
- 7:15am - 10:20am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Hour Exams
- 10:20am – Noon Take 6<sup>th</sup> Exam (set up with teacher...5<sup>th</sup> hour should be taken after school on Wednesday)
- Noon – 1:00pm Lunch @ ABHS (provided) / Load trailer
- 1:00pm Check-in and bus loading. Depart for Grand Rapids
- 4:45pm Dinner in route at Chili's (Grand Rapids area)
- 6:00pm Arrive at the Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids - Check into the hotel and take a tour of performance area, etc.  
187 Monroe NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
Phone: 616-774-2000  
[www.amwaygrand.com](http://www.amwaygrand.com)
- 8:00pm Attend the Michigan State University Symphony Band Concert – John T. Madden, Conductor  
DeVos Place Conference Center  
303 Monroe  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- 9:30pm "Talk Through" rehearsal at the hotel
- 10:00pm In rooms for the night and get a good night of rest ☺

#### FRIDAY (1/21/11)

- 8:00am Breakfast in the Ottawa Room at the hotel
- 9:00am Check out of rooms and move instruments/equipment to the Riverview Room for storage.
- 9:30am Visit and mingle in the Michigan Music Conference Exhibit Hall.
- 10:30am Meridian High School Symphonic Band in the DeVos Performance Hall
- 11:30am Pre-Ordered Lunch in the Ottawa Room at the hotel and get instruments/music/music stands out of the Riverview Room. Changing in concert attire will take place before or after...TBD.
- 1:00pm Warm-up in DeVos - Monroe Meeting Room BCD
- 2:15pm ABHS WIND ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE!!! in the DeVos Performance Hall**  
**DeVos Place Conference Center**  
**303 Monroe**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49503**
- 3:30pm Load buses & trailer
- 4:00pm Depart for ABHS! Stop on-the-way for dinner (fast food - OYO)
- 8:00pm (approx.) Return to ABHS & unload trailer.

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## GENERAL RULES

- Students will NOT be allowed to pack any drinkable liquids in their carry on or suitcase. Bottled water will be provided for each student at the start of the trip. There will be opportunities for students to purchase beverages throughout their trip.
- Laptop computers, games systems (PlayStation, Wii, etc.), TVs, and portable DVD players are not permitted.
- Students are to use appropriate language and demonstrate good behavior.
- We represent our school and community as we travel. Students are to be considerate of everyone with whom we come in contact.
- Each student is to stay with his/her designated group and never travel anyplace alone. Students must not leave any facility except in an approved, chaperoned group.
- Students may wear comfortable clothing. However, all clothing must be neat, clean, and modest. Because we will be a part of a "professional" setting, please dress nicely for Friday's events (do not wear jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes, etc).
- Each student is to participate fully in all activities of the trip.
- The use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs is absolutely prohibited.
- Students assume full responsibility for all valuables taken on the trip.
- All school rules are in effect!

## BUS RULES

- Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Providing the student follows bus rules, each student may select his/her seat.
- Students may take food on the bus. However, NO LIQUIDS (see above). Please keep the bus clean and dispose of all trash properly.
- Students are expected to bring only what luggage they can carry (one suitcase and a carry-on piece). Luggage should be tagged with your name. Luggage will be inspected.
- Portable music players may be played with headphones on the bus.
- Bring DVDs for the bus. Only G, PG, and PG13 movies will be allowed and must be approved by the director and/or head chaperone for that bus.

## HOTEL RULES

- Students will stay in their own rooms from curfew until breakfast time. Lights out and quiet time will begin thirty minutes after curfew. Room checks will occur nightly via security guards.
- One radio or TV per room may be played at a moderate level. They are not to distract others.
- Everyone is to help keep his/her room neat. Rooms will be checked.
- No student is to enter the room of hotel guests not from our group. No one from outside our group is to enter our group's rooms.
- No student is to leave the hotel premises.
- Students should use pay phones or cell phones to call home.
- At no time may boys visit girls' rooms and vice versa.
- Students are responsible and required to pay for any damage and/or theft.
- No swimming is allowed on this trip.



# ABHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC MEDICAL INFO AND PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

\*\*\*\* RETURN BY MONDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*\*

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone where parents can be reached: Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_

List the name and phone number of two parties that can be called if the parents cannot be reached:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any medical condition or is he/she under medication that we should know of?

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Student's Blood Type (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Co. Address \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize the school sponsor to make the necessary decisions for the safety of my child's health.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENTAL CONSENT

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the Wind Ensemble trip to Grand Rapids, MI, between January 20<sup>th</sup> and January 21<sup>st</sup>. We understand that Anchor Bay High School's policy of behavior (as stated in the student handbook) is in effect during the trip. Should my child violate this policy, (example: smoking, drugs, alcohol, being in a room of the opposite sex) he/she will be subject to removal from the trip and performance.

This form must be signed and returned and returned to Mr. Visnaw in order for your child to participate. The Board of Education requires parental consent for all overnight trips.

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Parent Signature Date Student Signature Date

## MICHIGAN MUSIC CONFERENCE REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE INFO:

Anchor Bay High School Wind Ensemble

FRIDAY (01/21/11)

Performance Time: 2:15PM

Performance Room: DeVos Performance Hall (in DeVos Place Conference Center)



### HOTEL INFORMATION:

*Amway Grand Plaza Hotel & DeVos Place*

[CLICK HERE](#) for a link to the hotel map.

**From the North:** US-131 South to Pearl St. (exit 85B). Turn Left on Pearl St. Continue across the Grand River, motor lobby is on the left.

**From the South:** US-131 North to Pearl St. (exit 85B). Turn Right on Pearl St. Continue across the Grand River, motor lobby is on the left.

**From the East:** I-96 West to I-196 Downtown (exit 37). I-196 West to Ottawa Ave. (exit 77C). Follow Ottawa Ave. south to Pearl St. Turn Right on Pearl St. Follow Pearl St. west 2 blocks. The motor lobby is on the right.

**From the West:** I-196 to Ottawa Ave. (exit 77C). Follow Ottawa Ave. south to Pearl St. Turn Right on Pearl St. Follow Pearl St. west 2 blocks. The motor lobby is on the right.

Cell Phone:

Jessie Jenson (parent chaperone) - 586.321.4165