



L.B. JOHNSON  
MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

Dear Parents:

The Johnson Symphonic Band has been offered a wonderful opportunity! The Ina Gakuen Wind Orchestra from Japan will be visiting Florida at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, Florida. This group is widely considered to be one of the best school-age bands in the world, and their high school students play at such an advanced level that they rival our college ensembles in America. **Our band has been offered the opportunity to participate in a clinic with this esteemed group.** We are one of four bands in Florida that will have this opportunity for 2010, and we are the **ONLY** middle school band to ever have been asked to participate. This event will take place on Monday, March 29. This is the Monday of Spring Break. I do realize that some families may have inflexible plans for the Spring Break holiday, and I realize that there may be a small number of students that will have to be excused from this event. I would, however, really like all students to be available if there is any way they can be. I am hoping that planning early for this event will allow students and parents to plan this into their Spring Break agenda. It is going to be a phenomenal musical and cultural experience for our students; this is a real honor for our band! We will also have to rehearse on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> to prepare for our Monday trip/performance since a large number of our students will be on the STAR field trip the week before. We will need to "regroup" before making the trip. The clinic/concert itself will take most of the day on Monday. See below for the schedule:

### ***TRIP DETAILS AND SCHEDULE***

Sunday, March 28—

Rehearsal at the Eau Gallie High School Bandroom  
3:30-5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 29—Clinic Day

9:30 a.m. Meet at the Johnson Band Bus Loop with instruments and music.

*What to wear: dress "nicely." No jeans or t-shirts. We will discuss in detail...*

10:00 a.m. Depart for Indian River State College in Ft. Pierce, FL

11:30 a.m. Arrive in Ft. Pierce, eat lunch

12:15 p.m. Depart for IRSC

- 1:00 p.m. WATCH THE INA GAKUEN WARM UP SESSION
- 2:00 p.m. CONCERT—THE INA GAKUEN WIND ORCHESTRA
- 3:30 p.m. Johnson Band clinic with IGWO
- 5:00 p.m. Done performing and watching other groups; pack up to leave
- 5:30 p.m. Eat snack, load buses
- 5:45 p.m. Depart for Melbourne
- 7:15 p.m. Arrive back at Johnson Middle School; parents pick students up at the Johnson bus loop

We will be taking a charter bus to Ft. Pierce. The costs for the bus plus the \$15 cost per student/adult for the concert and clinic put us over budget for this trip. **We are asking each student to contribute \$10 to the cost of the event.** Please let me know if this is a hardship for you and we can work something out. I don't want any student to not attend because of financial reasons. Students will also need to bring money for lunch. I will let you know what the specific plan and costs for lunch will be as soon as they are determined.

Please complete the attached commitment form and return it to Mrs. Singletary with your \$10 trip payment. If any parent(s) would like to attend this event, I will be happy to order tickets for you at \$15 each. We cannot provide transportation for you as our bus seating is "maxed out" with our own students and required chaperones, but I can get you tickets! I need additional ticket requests and payment no later than Wednesday, Feb. 10. Also, please be aware that after the ticket order is sent to IRSC, I cannot refund the money.

This is an exciting opportunity for our students, and I sincerely hope that each student can make time during their Spring break to attend. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Laura Singletary  
Band Director



## ***Ina Gakuen Wind Orchestra Clinic and Concert Trip 2010***

My student, \_\_\_\_\_, WILL be in attendance for the rehearsal and trip to Ft. Pierce, FL to participate in the clinic/concert with the Ina Gakuen Wind Orchestra on Monday, March 29 (during Brevard Spring break).

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Attached is the \$10 trip fee

\_\_\_\_\_ Attached is a payment for \_\_\_\_\_ adult tickets (at \$15 each)

*Please make checks out to Johnson Middle School; cash is accepted as well.*

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*Please check below if you would be willing to have your student be transported in a van driven by a fingerprinted, approved parent chaperone. We are about 5 seats short for the charter bus, and we need a few students to ride in the van.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *YES, I would be willing to have my student transported in a private vehicle driven by a fingerprinted, approved parent chaperone.*  
(please initial)