



# EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Dear 2018-19 Wind Ensemble Students and Parents:

In recent weeks, I have been able to gather more information regarding our Michigan Music Conference performance in January. The Eisenhower HS Wind Ensemble will be performing Friday afternoon, **January 25th, at 3:00pm**. This performance will take place at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Information about the conference center (including maps) can be found at <http://www.devosplace.org>.

Performing at this prestigious event will be an expensive endeavor, and our Band Booster organization is working hard to cover the costs of our guest artists, programs, guest conductors, etc. Overall, the cost of performing at the conference will be well over \$20,000. Considering this, the students will need to cover the cost of their hotel room, transportation, food, and other related expenses. A conference travel package has been put together for the students that currently will include the following:

- One night's deluxe accommodations at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel (connected to the Devos Place) on Thursday, January 24, 2019
- A security guard for the evening
- Round-trip transportation to and from Grand Rapids via motor coach
- Five meals (2 lunches, 1 breakfast buffet, & 2 dinners)
- Evening Concert attendance, Thursday in DeVos Place
- Full Convention Admittance/Privileges on Friday for every student
- Extra Clinicians, Conductors, and Full Rehearsal Clinic in January

The price of this package is \$250 per student with checks need to be made out to the Eisenhower Instrumental Boosters. **A \$125 Deposit is due by Friday, November 30th**, with the final balance due by **January 18th**. The final balance/cost could change based upon extra fundraising and donations. We need all members to attend this performance and have been working hard for months! If there is a problem with making these payments, please contact me so that we can discuss options that may be available. My email address and phone number are listed below. Conversely, if you'd like to donate towards this worthy cause your donation will be tax-deductible, and we will list your name in our Michigan Music Conference concert program.

There are a couple of hotels near the DeVos Place and the Amway Grand. For more information on the MMC and Grand Rapids, go to [www.michiganmusicconference.org](http://www.michiganmusicconference.org). If you are planning on attending the performance and would like to stay at the Amway Grand, call (616) 776-6400 and ask for the *Michigan Music Conference* rate. I would recommend doing this soon as the rooms will fill up fast with music educators from around the state. Please note that each student will get 2 free tickets to the performance, but any after that will need to be purchased at MMC.

As soon as the conference master schedule is published, I will be able to put together our group's itinerary. Check our website for updated information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [christopher.traskal@uticak12.org](mailto:christopher.traskal@uticak12.org) or (586) 797-1438.

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