

Cretin-Derham Hall Band Honors Concert Report

Please use the following guidelines in selecting a concert and in writing your evaluation of the performance.

1. Types of performance you may attend.

- A high school, college or professional level concert band performance.
- A concert by a community band.
- A high school, college, or professional level jazz band concert (unless it is billed as a specific performance, just sitting in a bar is not acceptable).
- A specific marching band performance (just going to a ball game and listening to the pep/marching band is not acceptable).
- A concert by a high school , college, or professional level orchestra.
- A solo instrumental recital.
- There are other possibilities out there; check with your teacher before you go.

2. What to include in your report.

Tell about the group performing.

- What kind of group is it?
- How large is the group?
- Who is the director?
- Comment on the appearance of the group
- Comment on the concert site, surroundings, atmosphere.
- Other interesting observations.

Comment on the musical aspects of the performance.

- Tone quality
- Intonation
- Balance and blend
- Dynamic range/ contrast
- Technical capabilities (could they play all those runs?)
- Clarity of articulation/ tonguing.
- Phrasing and musicianship- Other musical observations

Comment on the repertoire.

- Did the performance include a wide variety of styles, time periods, and composers or was it more singular in its focus (one style, one composer, one theme, etc.)

Give Your Opinion of the Concert

- What did you like? Why?
- What didn't you like? Why?
- How does it relate to you as a musician?
- What did you see or hear that could help you improve as a musician.
- What did you see or hear that, perhaps, you want to be sure you never do?

3. Technical aspects of the report

- Attach a copy of the concert program
- The report should be at least one page long
- The report should be typed or neatly written
- Rules of good grammar and spelling should apply. If you don't know how to spell a word, look it up (you should not misspell your own instrument!)
- Reports are due within one week after you attend the concert
- Final deadline for turning in reports will be determined by the teacher. See the website for details.

4. Have fun and enjoy the show