Charlotte Middle School hosted the 2014 MSBOA District VIII Junior High Solo and Ensemble Festival on November 22. Twenty-two schools participated with about 500 events involving about 600 students. Sixty five of our CMS students participated in 66 events and earned approximately 78 medals.

This was an optional extension activity for the middle school band students. The students could choose to perform an instrumental solo, a piano solo, and/or be in an ensemble. The students performed their piece in front of an adjudicator and received a written and verbal critique afterward. Medals are given to those earning a Division I or II.

The Charlotte students who participated in the solo and ensemble festival were: Lauren Anderson, Parker Auten, Madison Auten, Kobe Blanco, Madison Briggs, Savannah Brown, Alyvia Bruce, Isabelle Calton, Zachary Carlson, Neva Clarke, Stephen Dotts, Amalia Flores, Abby Fraker, Sage Gardner, Kollin Gonser, Quenton Greer, Teresa Greisinger, Taylor Halliwill, Nathan Hard, Hannah Hard, Charles Hazel, Parker Hice, Briana Holliday, Nina Huber, Kelsey Hummel, Alexis Hummel, Lacy Jewell, Stephanie Jones, Caroline Jones, Ryan Klann, Casey Klassen, Kelsey Klont, Kirstin Langmaack, Erica Lentz, Lucas Lindsey, Cassidy Lord, Alli, Lubbers, Sophie Lupini, Molly Manns, Samantha Mullins, Lily Pennington, Mattie Pennington, Lynsey Peters, Adrianne Rivera, Karlee Robbins, Zoe Roberts, Isabel Rudy, Adriana Sanders, Katie Schneider, Devon Shafer, David Shafer, Jordan Shaulis, Kaleigh Slot, Janessa Smith, Ethan Smith, Avery Tuller, Samantha Usher, Maggie Waterbury, Hunter Weicht, Emily Whatley, Miranda Whipple, Lauren Wilson, and Emilie Witte.

The students and Ms. Detgen would like to express their thanks to Gary Sullivan, Bill Sutherland, Pat Greene, and Chris Olsen for accompanying all the events.

We are very proud of our student’s musical growth and accomplishments. Directors and parents from the visiting schools were impressed with the Charlotte Middle School facilities and the helpfulness and friendliness of our students and parents. We would like to thank all the Charlotte MS Band students, parents, and Charlotte Band Boosters for their help in making this festival a reality.