



## **Solo & Ensemble**

Dear Students and Parents,

Each year we have an event in orchestra called “Solo & Ensemble”. It is where the students have an opportunity to work on music that is written for a smaller group (up to eight students) or a solo and video record their performance. Judges will watch the video and will give the student(s) feedback and a rating based on their performance. It is an excellent opportunity for the students to work together with other string students in the morning from 7:30-8:15 or after school and I can help them with their music. Students can group up with any string student(s) here at school, they don’t have to be from the same class period. This process of practicing independently and with my help, gives the students a big boost in confidence and accelerates their level in music. **Any students in 8th grade Honors must do a solo at least a grade level three for Solo & Ensemble and it is required for them to participate as an obligation for Honors.**

**Any student that is going to participate needs to turn in \$5 per group or solo (basically each time they play) to me by Friday, April 7th either in cash or by check made to “Northwood Middle School”.** Students will receive a rating based on their performance - Superior, Excellent, Good, etc. and receive a certificate. If a student receives a Superior rating, they will also get a medal. I highly encourage students to participate in this event and I will be here to help the students all along the way. Videos need to be recorded and sent by May 12.

Please let me know if you have any questions: [pmurch@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:pmurch@greenville.k12.sc.us)

Sincerely,

Patrick W. Murch