

## Solo Festival

On March 12, 2011, Big Hollow band students had an opportunity to participate in Solo Festival at Santa Maria del Popolo School in Mundelein, Illinois. This event gave students a chance to show their families and community what they have been working on this year. Solo Festival is an annual event that Big Hollow takes part in each year. This year 22 students from the elementary school and 20 from the middle school participated, making this year's group the largest in six years. Students who take part in the festival are graded on intonation, tone, quality, rhythms, dynamics, technique, and scales. They are then ranked based on the above categories. Students can earn a perfect, gold, silver, or bronze score after performing. On May 19, at the bands final concert students will receive their medals from Solo Festival. "The students did really well this year and represented Big Hollow with pride. Congratulations to all the participants," said Band Director Ms. Reis.