

# **THE TEN RULES OF CONCERT ETIQUETTE**

**1. Refrain from talking**

This is the first and greatest rule. This includes whispering to or disciplining your other children.

**2. Refrain from unwrapping noisy candy wrappers during the concert.**

If the composer wanted to include crinkled paper to the music, he/she would have written it into the parts.

**3. Turn off pagers, cell phones, and watch alarms.**

While many phones and pagers now have very symphonic-like rings, they don't always fit into the musical score, nor do they provide pleasant sounds for your neighbors.

**4. Do not wave to your child during the performance.**

After all, they do know who you are already and they know you are there; you most likely brought them to the concert.

**5. Do not take flash photography.**

You don't want your child to walk off the edge of the stage from flash blindness, do you?

**6. Please do not walk down to the center with your video camera.**

Video cameras work just as well from the back of the auditorium (besides, the light is usually not good enough for video taping any way.)

**7. Do not leave as soon as your child's portion of the concert is over.**

All of the students deserve a full audience for their performances. Remember, next time your child's song could be last.

**8. Applaud at appropriate times**

Some music has several sections. Remember, it's not over until all of the sections have been performed.

**9. Do not leave the auditorium during the music**

Wait for a break in the concert to visit the restroom, unless you are carrying a screaming child, in which case you should leave quietly and quickly, PLEASE!

**10. Go to the concert expecting the best.**

You just might be surprised how good your student sounds when the other students join in!