



Elementary Honors Band Day
April 27, 2024 - Hillsborough HS
466 Raider Blvd, Hillsborough, NJ 08844
9:00-3:00 (director meeting & light breakfast at 8:30)

The CJMEA Elementary Honors Band Day provides an exciting opportunity for your advanced music students to perform with a large ensemble of other students from around the Central Jersey area. This is a low-pressure event, as there are no auditions, and only requires one day of time commitment for you and your students. This ensemble is available to all elementary students in grades 4-6.

Director Responsibilities

- Directors must be members of CJMEA. If you need to renew your NAFME membership please visit <https://nafme.org/membership/join/>.
- Directors are expected to rehearse with and prepare their students for the event. Repertoire will be provided about 1 month ahead of time.
- Directors must commit to the day of the event and must attend/assist with logistics as the event. Should any director relinquish this responsibility, they will not be permitted to participate in such events in the future.

Due Dates

- Nominations and NAFME cards are due **Fri., February 16th, 2024**. *Late nominations will not be accepted.*
- Registration fees (\$20 per student) in one check made payable to CJMEA are due **March 15, 2024**.

Student Responsibilities

- Students should label all items that they are asked to bring to the event with their name and school:
 - Instrument or sticks/mallets and any accessories you may need (extra reeds, valve oil, etc.)
 - Music and a pencil
 - Lunch: students will have the option to purchase pizza or they should bring a bagged lunch
- All participants will wear black from the waist down and a shirt representing your school/district/band program. We look forward to seeing all the school colors and shirt designs!

Schedule

8:30 - 9:00am - Director meeting and light breakfast

9:00 - 9:10am - Students should arrive promptly to sign in. A parent/guardian does not need to come inside!

9:10am - Rehearsals begin

11:30am - 1:00pm - staggered lunch breaks

Noon - 2:00pm - Rehearsals continue

1:45pm - Doors open for audience

2:00 - 4:00pm - Bands perform

(4 mini concerts for each band: Red Band 2:00pm, White Band 2:30pm, Silver Band 3:00pm, Blue Band 3:30pm)

Fees

- There is a nominal participation fee of \$20.00 per student*. This will cover the music and administrative/production costs, and is due **March 15th**. Please send only one director's check made out to "CJMEA" (parent checks or cash will not be accepted.) Mail check to:
Hillsborough Middle School
c/o Ciji Coates
260 Triangle Road
Hillsborough, NJ 08844
- The concert will be a ticketed event - \$5 adult, \$2 student/senior/children, Tickets will be available at <https://cjmea.booktix.net/>

How to Nominate Students

Each director can nominate up to 10 students. Directors that teach in more than one school, should submit a total of 10 names combined, not 10 names per school. You are not required to fill all 10 nomination spots...please only submit your very best students. Remember, students will need to be able to prepare the music on their own, and then rehearse and prepare for a concert in just one day!

Remember...we are looking to create balanced bands; therefore there are limits on the number of certain instruments that you can recommend. Please limit your recommendations to no more than...

-1 student for alto saxophone, 2 students for percussion, 3 students each for trumpet and flute, 4 students each for other instruments *Bassoon, bass clarinet, tuba and horn are typically in demand!*

1. Fill out the [2024 CJMEA EHBD Student Nomination Form](#) with your student nominations and a copy of your NAFME card
*****no need to let your students know or to confirm their availability at this point*****
2. We will sort through the nominations to create 4 balanced ensembles and then confirm with you which of your students were selected.
3. **At that point, you can tell your students that they were selected and send home acceptance letters/permission slips to confirm their availability.**
4. We understand that some students that we accept will not be available for the event. If that happens to be the case, let us know and we will take care of filling any spots.

Our conductors are Michael Bartlett from Spotswood Appleby School in Spotswood, Tom Kamp from Mountain Park Elementary School in Berkeley Heights, Isaiah C. Mason from Linwood School in North Brunswick, and John Proper from Ranney School.

Translations

CJMEA strives to make all activities and events linguistically accessible to our stakeholders. If a family could benefit from translation services, please contact CJMEA Diversity & Inclusion Chair, Isaiah C. Mason at diversity.inclusion.cjmea@gmail.com, to discuss receiving translated documents in that target language.

Contacts

Any questions can be directed to event coordinators:

Ciji Coates - ccoates@https.us and Tom Coates - thomas.coates@sbschools.org

**CJMEA believes that region ensembles should be available to all qualified Region II students. We are able to offer financial assistance, in the form of fee waivers, to students in need. If a director has a student that will need assistance, they should reach out directly to the CJMEA Treasurer, Susan Meuse, at treasurer.cjmea@gmail.com, to discuss obtaining a fee waiver.*