January 28, 2020

Dear Band Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance into the 2020 CJMEA Intermediate Bands! On behalf of the entire committee, we commend you on the hard work, dedication and commitment you have put into this outstanding accomplishment. Please read this letter in its entirety as it provides information that will address many frequently asked questions.

PERSONNEL

Wind Ensemble

Ms. Cheryl Floyd, Conductor
Retired Director of Bands at Hill Country Middle School, Austin, TX
Member of the American Bandmasters’ Association
National Clinician and Yamaha Master Educator

Mr. George Heffentrager, Manager and Rehearsal Conductor
Crossroads North Middle School, South Brunswick, NJ  george.heffentrager@sbschools.org

Symphonic Band

Mr. Scott Collins, Conductor
Community Middle School, West Windsor, NJ
Youth Orchestra Of Central Jersey, Woodwind Specialist

Ms. Rebecca Palmer, Manager
Monroe Township Middle School, Instrumental Music  rebecca.palmer@monroe.k12.nj.us

REHEARSALS

- Saturday, February 1st - 9:00 am-1:00 pm – Crossroads North Middle School
- Saturday, February 8th (SNOW MAKE UP DAY ONLY)- 9:00 am-1:00 pm –Crossroads North Middle School
- Friday, February 14th - 5:00 pm-9:00 pm – Crossroads North Middle School
- Saturday, February 15th - 9:00 am-1:00 pm – Crossroads North Middle School
- Friday, February 28th- 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm – Crossroads North Middle School
- Saturday, February 29th - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Crossroads North Middle School

CONCERT

Sunday, March 1st - 3:00 pm – Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School - report time 12:30
CONCERT TICKET INFORMATION

**CJMEA is now offering the convenience of being able to PURCHASE and PRINT your Region Concert tickets from home to avoid long lines at the door PLUS receive a reduced rate! Tickets are available for sale the week before each Region ensemble's concert at [https://cjmea.booktix.com/](https://cjmea.booktix.com/)

- **Print your ticket at home** and bring it to the door to be scanned for admission to the performance. **Print-from-home tickets** are $12 adults/$7 students & seniors 60+. Children 4 & under free.
- **Tickets at the door** are $15 adults/$10 students & seniors 60+. Children 4 & under free. Tickets purchased at the door are **cash only--no credit cards accepted**.
- Music educators who bring proof of current NAfME membership will be admitted free.

ITEMS TO BRING TO REHEARSALS

- $20 CASH Acceptance Fee (due at the first rehearsal – must be CASH)
- Student Transportation/ Pick Up form
- Instrument, Music and a Pencil (Percussionists-sticks and mallets)
- Reeds, Mutes, Cork Grease, Valve Oil
- Small Snack (if desired)
- Lunch/Dinner – A pizza lunch will be available to purchase for $5.00, or you may choose to bring your own.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Attendance at all rehearsals for the instrumental ensembles is mandatory.

2. Any absence from a rehearsal for the performance may result in removal from the ensemble. This is at the discretion of the Manager and/or Chairperson for the specific ensemble involved. **Any absence must be reported to Mrs. Olson prior to the rehearsal.**

3. Any student removed from a group for missing a rehearsal or the concert will be ineligible for All State Auditions (if applicable) for the current year and forfeits eligibility for CJMEA Auditions in the following year.

4. Students must understand that rehearsal times are approximate and that no one may leave a rehearsal until dismissed by the director. Failure to comply constitutes an unexcused absence.
WEATHER EMERGENCIES
The CJMEA Website will post all scheduling changes: http://www.cjmea.org
In the event of inclement weather, check the website AFTER 6:00 a.m. for delays or cancellations.

CONCERT ATTIRE

Ladies: Long Black Skirt or Black Dress Pants; White Long-Sleeved Blouse and Black Dress Shoes.

Gentlemen: Black Dress Pants; White Long-Sleeved Dress Shirt; Long Dark Tie; Black Dress Shoes and Black Socks.

REHEARSAL SITES & DIRECTIONS

Use the following addresses for directions which can be acquired through the GPS source of your choice:

**All Rehearsals:**
Crossroads North Middle School
635 Georges Rd.
Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852

**Concert:**
Bridgewater - Raritan Middle School
128 Merriwood Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

We look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

All the best,

Sandy Olson
CJMEA Intermediate Band Chair
solson@cjmea.org
Rehearsal Pick Up Information & Policy Form

This form is to be filled out by the legal guardian for each child participating in a CJMEA band, orchestra or choral group. It must be returned by the start of the first rehearsal.

Student’s Name _____________________________________________________________

Student’s Address _________________________________________________________

Parents (or legal guardians), please check off number 1, 2 or 3 below.

1. ______ I will be transporting my child to and from rehearsals and can be reached at the phone numbers listed below.
   
   Home Phone_____________________________
   
   Mother’s (or female legal guardian’s) cell phone___________________________
   
   Father’s (or male legal guardian’s) cell phone____________________________

2. ______ I will be sharing the transportation of my child to and from rehearsals. I have listed my contact information above and the “other drivers” information in the section below.

3. ______ I will not be providing transportation for my child to and from rehearsals. I have made arrangements with someone else to pick up my child. (Please list them in “other drivers” below).

   Other Drivers
   Name(s)    Cell Phone  Home Phone
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________

The Statement Below Is To Be Read And Signed By The Parent or Legal Guardian

I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure that my child is promptly picked up by the stated ending times for all rehearsals and the concert. In the event that I am delayed for any reason in picking up my child, I will call the group manager/chairperson as listed in the acceptance letter and explain the reason for my delay and give an estimated arrival time. I understand that I must call as soon as I realize that I will not be there by the end of the rehearsal or concert. I further understand that the manager/chairperson will wait with my child for no more than 30 minutes after the rehearsal and/or concert ends. After that point, the manager/chairperson, at his or her discretion, will call the local police department and make arrangements for my child to be picked up and taken to the police station to wait until such time as I can get there to pick up my child. The manager/chairperson will use the number listed above to contact me. Should I not answer, the manager/chairperson will leave a message indicating the phone number for the police station where my child has been taken.

Parent’s (or legal guardian’s) signature __________________________ Date ______________

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM BY THE FIRST REHEARSAL.