



2016-2017 CJMEA Middle School Honors Band

Monroe Twp. Middle School, Monroe, NJ 08831

April 22, 2017 9:00am - 3:00pm (director meeting and light breakfast at 8:30am)

The CJMEA Middle School Honors Band provides an opportunity for your band students in grades seven and eight to play in a large ensemble with full instrumentation and students of comparable skill. It is a low-pressure and low-commitment opportunity as there is no audition and requires attendance on one day only. Based on the survey conducted to gauge interest in this event, we will be able to form two ensembles of equal ability. Our conductors are Sandy Olson from Crossroads North Middle School in South Brunswick, and Sal Fossa from Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Edison. Being that this is the first year for a seventh and eighth grade honors ensemble, an effort will be made to accept as many recommended students as possible. However we may not be able to place every student in an ensemble.

We are looking for a maximum of two players on each of the following instruments: flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, oboe, bassoon, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone (please indicate BC or TC), and tuba. For the following instruments, recommend just one player: snare drum, timpani, mallet percussion, traps, and piccolo. You are not required to nominate the maximum amount of students per instrument. When choosing who to nominate, consider any capable students who would benefit from this experience. For example if you have a student who is new to low brass, this could be a great way to keep them excited about band. All students must be members in good standing of your school band. Nominations are due on February 10, 2017 and should be sent as a PDF, along with a copy of your active NAFME card, to the email below.

Before sending in your recommendation form, send home the nomination letter to each student you want to nominate which will ensure your student is available on the day of the event. Space is left at the bottom of the letter for you to sign your name before handing it to your students. Make sure that you are available from 8:30am - 3:00pm on April 22, 2017. Directors must commit to the entire day of the event and must attend to assist with logistics at the event. Should any director relinquish this responsibility, he/she will not be permitted to participate in such events in the future. If you have extenuating circumstances which will require you only attend a portion of the day, let the festival coordinator know as soon as possible. It is also recommended but not required that you assist your accepted student(s) in learning the music prior to April 22nd.

After you receive your list of accepted students, submit \$15.00 per student as a participation fee. This should be in the form of a check from the director or school made out to "CJMEA". CJMEA will only accept a personal check from the director or a check from the school. No purchase orders, please.

Thank you for your interest in this new event! See you in April!
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