

Southeast District Junior Festival 2008

General Information for Students, Parents, and Directors

~ Taunton High School ~

March 7th & 8th (Snow Date is March 9th)

Welcome

The Taunton Music Department is pleased to host the 2008 Southeast District MMEA Junior Festival. Included with this information packet you will find a rehearsal schedule, information on meals and snacks, how to purchase tickets and recordings, concert dress requirements, and directions to Taunton High School. School will be in session on Friday, and you will only be allowed in the music performance areas of the school. In case of emergency during the festival we can be reached at 508-821-1153. Please direct all other questions to the music directors at your own school. We hope that everyone enjoys the Festival!

Registration

Registration will take place in the lobby of the Taunton High School Auditorium (There will be students showing you the way) beginning on Friday, March 7th at 8:30 AM and ending at 9:00 AM. (Is this the same for Junior Festival?) *Only chaperones register schools*; Students should proceed directly to their rehearsal site. Taunton Music representatives will handle registration alphabetically by school in the auditorium lobby. Staff responsibility forms and designated chaperone forms must be completed and handed in before students can be officially registered. Students are expected to be warmed up and ready to begin rehearsal (not arrive) promptly at 9:00 AM in the following locations all within Taunton High School:

- Mixed Choir: Up Stairs Gym
- Treble Choir: Field House
- Band: On Stage in the Auditorium
- Jazz Band: M111 – the chorus room
- Orchestra: M110 – The band room

As per ruling of the Secondary School Principal's Association, no student participating in this Festival is permitted to drive to or from the Festival.

District Festival Information

Meals

Students will be supplied with lunch on Friday and Saturday. Also, healthy snacks, juice, fruits, water and other food will be sold during the festival.

Friday Lunch Saturday Lunch

Friday's lunch will consist of the normal school offerings that will include sandwiches and multiple choices of a hot lunch. Saturday's lunch will be a cold bag lunch.

Busses and Parking

There will be a lot designated for festival parking located next to the field house. Music department representatives will direct all district traffic to the appropriate lot. Traffic getting into the High School is busy until 8:15, plan your travel accordingly.

Nurse

A nurse will be on duty during rehearsal hours. Directors are asked to make any specific medical needs known to the nurse at registration. If necessary, student medications may be turned in to the nurse upon arrival.

Cancellation

Any cancellation information or postponement due to inclement weather will be posted on the District web site: <http://semmea.org/> a message will also be posted on the District phone at (508) 378-8045.

Concert and Tickets

The concerts will begin at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. sharp on Saturday, March 8th. (Snow date is Sunday, March 9th at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. if both Friday and Saturday is snowed out.) The doors open for the first concert at 12:30 p.m., and pre-concert festivities begin at 12:50 p.m. The doors for the 3:00 p.m. concert will open once the audience from the 1:00 p.m. concert has left the auditorium. We recommend you inform your audience members they do not need to arrive extremely early and stand in the lobby. There will be plenty of seating. This year, the program order is Jazz Band, Treble Choir, and Concert Choir at 1:00 pm. The Orchestra and Band concert will take place at 3:00 p.m. The Taunton High School Auditorium has 1000+ seats, all with excellent visibility and acoustics. There will be no limit on the number of tickets that you are able to purchase. Tickets will be on sale **Friday** during breaks and lunch for \$8. Tickets can be left on reserve to be picked up by parents on Saturday, or tickets can be brought home Friday evening. Checks should be made out to *S.E. District MMEA*.

Recording

A CD of the entire concert will be made by John Brooks Recording Company. The cost of the CD will be \$20.00 and checks should be made out to the Taunton Tiger Band Boosters. Please include your phone number on your check. Students can order the CD in the lobby of the Auditorium on Friday or Saturday during breaks. Orders can also be placed either before or after the concert. No other recording of the concert is permitted.

Directions

Take Rt. 24 to exit 13B (Rt. 44 Taunton) Turn off the ramp onto Rt. 44 towards Taunton. After approximately 2 miles turn Left on to Hon Gordon M Owen Drive. Take your first left into Taunton High School. There will be signs and students directing you to the designated parking lots. The Auditorium entrance is the last multi-door entrance to the right of the school.

Taunton Music Department

Junior District Schedule

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Preparation

Students should know the music prior to arrival for the Festival. Percussionists should bring extra sticks, mallets, etc. Other instrumentalists should have a wire stand, extra reeds, valve oil, strings, rosin, etc. All students should have their music folders and a pencil at every rehearsal. The music **will** be collected at the end of the concert. To ensure that rehearsals begin promptly, students should allow ample time for warm up. There will be a concession stand in the lobby of the Auditorium, where beverages and snacks will be available for sale at reasonable prices during breaks. Breaks are provided within the rehearsal framework at the discretion of the conductor.

General MMEA Rules

No student will be allowed to participate unless they have attended **all** rehearsals. Any student who does not participate in the Festival for a non-medical reason will not be allowed to audition for the Festival next year.

Any student found in the possession of drugs or alcohol will be dismissed from the Festival and referred to Taunton Police. Students should warm up and remain in their assigned areas. Taunton Police will handle any abuse, vandalism, or lack of care to facilities or other individual's property. There is no smoking in any of the buildings by order of the State Fire Marshall - student smoking is not permitted at any time.

Schedule: Friday March 7, 2008

All: Registration takes place from 8:30AM to 9:00AM in the lobby of the Taunton High School Auditorium. Students go directly to your rehearsal site, and be warmed up and ready to play or sing promptly at 9:00AM. Only directors should be at the registration area. Students will be ushered to their performance area. All instrument cases will stay in the auditorium. Please do not leave any valuables unattended to. Taunton Public Schools is not responsible for any items that are lost or stolen.

Friday March 7, 2008:

Treble Choir:

9:00 – 1:15 In the Field House
1:15 – 2:00 Lunch in the Cafeteria
2:00 – 5:00 In the Field House

Concert Chorus:

9:00 – 1:15 In the upstairs gym
1:15 – 2:00 Lunch in the Cafeteria
2:00 – 5:00 On stage in the Auditorium

Band:

9:00 - 10:45 On Stage in the Auditorium
10:45 – 1:15 Room M110 - the Band Room
1:15 – 2:00 Lunch in the Cafeteria
2:00 – 5:00 Room M110 - the Band Room

Orchestra:

9:00 – 10:45 In Room M110 – the Band Room
10:45 – 1:15 On Stage in the Auditorium
1:15 – 2:00 In the Cafeteria
2:00 – 5:00 In the Small Gym

Jazz Band:

9:00 – 1:15 In room M111 – The Chorus Room
1:15 – 2:00 Lunch in the Cafeteria
2:00 – 5:00 In room M111 – The Chorus Room

Saturday January 12, 2008

Treble Chorus

9:00 – 11:00 On Stage in the Auditorium
11:00 – 12:30 Lunch and Change
1:00 Concert Begins

Concert Chorus

9:00 – 11:00 In the Field House
11:00 – 12:30 Lunch and Change
1:00 Concert Begins

Orchestra

9:00 – 11:00 In the Upstairs Gym
11:00 – 12:30 Lunch and Change
3:00 Concert Begins

Band

9:00 -11:00 In Room M110 - the Band Room
11:00 – 12:30 Lunch and Change
3:00 Concert Begins

Jazz Band

9:00 - 10:30 In Room M111 - the Chorus Room
10:30 – 11:30 Lunch and Change
11:30 – 12:30 On Stage in the Auditorium
1:00 Concert Begins

Meetings for teachers and directors:

Friday: 12:30 SEMSBA Executive Board Meeting in available classroom
2:00 MMEA Executive Board in the Cafeteria
3:00 MMEA General Membership Meeting in the Cafeteria
Saturday: 10:00AM-12:00PM SEMSBA General Membership Meeting in the cafeteria.