



California Music Educators Association Central Coast Section

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Dear Middle School Band Directors

September 2018

Thank you for your hard work in preparing your students for this year's CMEA-CCS Middle School Honor Band. I look forward to receiving your students' auditions and hearing this year's ensemble. The information on the following pages will help you through the audition process and contains all the information needed to ensure that you, your students, and their parents are informed and prepared. Audition materials will be posted on the CMEA-CCS website (www.ccsmusic.org) on Monday, September 17th. Please note that we are using an online submission process this year for all audition recordings and judging. All paperwork will still need to be mailed or emailed to me.

Our conductor this year is Ms. Teri Musiel. Ms. Musiel comes to us from Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon. Courses she has taught are: concert band, symphonic band, wind ensemble & jazz band. She is looking forward to coming down and working with our honor band.

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EVENTS SCHEDULE:

Thursday, January 17, 2019, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Rehearsal at Pacific Grove Middle School Performing Arts Center
Friday, January 18, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal at Pacific Grove Middle School Performing Arts Center
Saturday, January 19, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Rehearsal at Pacific Grove Middle School Performing Arts Center
The Concert is January 19, at 2:00 p.m. at Pacific Grove Middle School Performing Arts Center

AUDITION PROCEDURES/TIMELINE

Monday, September 17, 2018 - Audition Materials and Paperwork available online
Monday, September 24, through Thursday November 15, 2018 – Online audition submission window
Monday, November 5, 2018 – All forms and fees due to the Event Chair
Thursday, November 15, 2018 - Digital Submissions due by **5:00 PM**
Friday-Wednesday, November 16-21, 2018 – Online listening sessions
Tuesday, November 27, 2018 - Posting of the 2019 MS Honor Band

AUDITION PROCEDURE AND FEE INFORMATION

All forms and audition materials are available for download from the CCS Website (<http://www.ccsmusic.org>) under Honor Groups. Please download the Honors Application Packet, Middle School Honor Band Audition Set C and the Middle School Honor Band Director's Letter Packet. I do apologize in advance that the audition music this year is not in Finale Format. Some of you may even recognize the music. Please inform me of any band directors that you know who are unable to access email or the webpage and must be mailed this information.

CCS policy states that directors must be current NAFME members at the time of the auditions and the event. All NAFME membership transactions are through their webpage located at <http://musiced.nafme.org>. If you have questions, call Membership Services (800-336-3768 ext. 213) to speak with a membership service representative.

Auditions will be conducted by the review of an unaltered recording. Be sure to proof listen to the recordings you submit.

Audition fee: **\$5.00** per student

Participation fee (if accepted): **\$40.00** per student. The fee this year includes a shirt.

- CCS only accepts one director or school check per group. Checks from students or parents will not be accepted.
- Please submit one Teacher and School Information form for each honor group student and a Student Honor Group Application for each auditioning student.
- Audition fees and paperwork must be postmarked by **November 5th 2018**.
- If submitting by USPS, mail packages by Monday, November 5th, to:
Diane Gehling, Gavilan View Middle School, 18250 Van Buren Ave., Salinas, CA 93906
- Online submissions must be received by Thursday, November 15th by 5:00 PM.
- Please note we will not accept auditions for students who have not previously submitted applications and fees.

T-SHIRTS

Please do not forget that when filling out the forms, students should put their T-shirt size as an adult size.

ONLINE AUDITIONS + SUBMISSION WINDOW

This year all CMEA-CCS instrumental groups will use www.festivalscores.com for submitting auditions.

The event code for **WINDS + MALLETS IS D763ZGF**.

The event code for **PERCUSSION IS 254VWC9**.

The submission window will be from **September 24 through November 15, 2018**. By doing this, teachers can upload their students' auditions as they are ready rather than all at once. Please note that the final day to upload a recording is November 15th by 5:00 PM.

Teachers will be assigned a section to judge and can do so from the comfort of their homes, at a time that is most convenient. The adjudication weekend will be **Friday through Wednesday, November 16-21, 2018**.

A handout and a video tutorial are available on the website to help assist with this process. Though the video shows a single sound file upload per student, please note that audition excerpts may be uploaded as separate files.

CCS 2018-2019 LISTENING POLICY

In an effort to increase teacher involvement, **CCS requires that all teachers who submit student audition materials help adjudicate student auditions. Each teacher will be assigned a section to judge.**

AUDITION RESULTS

Directors will receive a complete list of audition results by Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Accepted students should confirm their schedules as they are expected to punctually attend all rehearsals and the performance. Sports and all other extra curricular activities are not acceptable reasons for absence or tardiness to the rehearsals or performance.

All music will be sent out in early December. Teachers are expected to work on Honor Ensemble music with students and monitor their progress prior to the first rehearsal. Please encourage all your students to audition. The experience of preparing an audition is highly rewarding and can spark your students' focus and ambition.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Diane Gehling

Gavilan View Middle School Music Director (Band, Orchestra, Choir & Jazz Band)

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