

St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association All-Suburban Concert Band Audition Information

August 24, 2009

TO: High School Band Directors

FR: Jim Cunningham – HS Band Vice-President

RE: 2009-2010 Concert Band Auditions

WHEN:

Monday, November 2 from 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Ladue Horton Watkins High School
1201 S. Warson Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63124

Registration for high school district honor band is online. Go to the SLSMEA website which is:

www2.csd.org/slsmea

Find the High School Honor Band page and click on the “Online Registration Link”

APPLICATION/REGISTRATION:

- Registration for auditions will be done by you or your students online by going to the SLSMEA website. Fill out the online application and click “save record.” Students will receive a confirmation that their application has been received. It **WILL NOT** give them an audition time. Students will be assigned an audition time based on the order that they register. Audition times and room assignments will be EMAILED to directors the week of October 26.
- ***REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN Monday, October 5 at 6:00 a.m. REGISTRATION will conclude Friday, October 16 at MIDNIGHT.***
- For students auditioning for more than one instrument they will need to register separately for each instrument. Once the registration process is completed and submitted, band directors will receive an EMAIL the week of October 26 with all of their students who have registered along with their audition times and rooms. There will be no need for students to register. They will

have this information with them already and will just need to proceed to their audition room at the appropriate time. Their audition number is their audition time. In addition, the EMAIL will include an invoice for the TOTAL AUDITION FEE due.

- The audition fee is \$10.00 per audition and you must pay for all students that have been registered. If you register 10 students and only 5 actually come on November 2, you will still owe \$100.00 for all that have registered. This is consistent with the state audition process.
- On November 2, directors/school representatives will need to check-in and pay the entire audition fee for their school based on the number of students who registered. **ONE CHECK SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO SLSMEA** and brought with you to the auditions. Schools that do not pay the night of the auditions will cause their students to be **NOT ACCEPTED** to the honor band. Please, no purchase orders.
- Students will not be permitted to audition without an application on file.
- Remind your students that they will be assigned an audition time and that they are required to adhere to that time, or may forfeit their audition. Students that may have a conflict with after school activities should wait to register closer to the deadline to get a later audition time.

AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Students will not be given an audition number. The audition judge will only recognize you by your audition time. You will be met at your audition room by a room monitor who will double check with you as to your audition time and confirm your name. This information will not be made available to the judge.
- Audition times and room assignments will be EMAILED to band directors by the end of the week of October 26.
- Show up for your audition at least 1/2 hour prior to your audition time. You may warm-up in the Commons area of Ladue High School. You may not practice in the hallways or outside your audition room.
- Report to your audition room 10 minutes prior to your audition. The room Monitor will call you by your audition time when it is your time to audition.
- Avoid talking to the judge. If you have any questions, ask the room monitor.
- Failure to report to your audition at your assigned time may result in you not being able to audition.

MUSIC:

All information for audition pieces can be found at the Missouri Bandmasters Association website at: missouribandmasters.org. We are using SET 2 this year for district band and all-state band auditions.

If students are auditioning and are selected for both the concert and jazz bands, they will be asked to choose one. Please ask your students to be available at home after auditions so that they may choose which group they would like to perform with.

REHEARSALS/CONCERT:

Rehearsals will be held on the following dates at Ladue Horton Watkins High School:

Monday, November 30 – 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Monday, December 7 – 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Rehearsals will be held on the following dates at a site yet to be determined:

Friday, January 8 – 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 9 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The concert will be held at a site yet to be determined on:

Sunday, January 10 – 2:00 p.m.