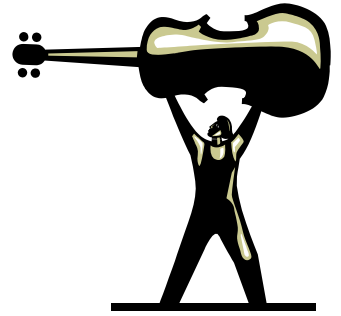


# St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade All Suburban Orchestra Letter 2009-2010



Dear 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Directors:

It's time again to start preparing your wonderful students for All Suburban Orchestra auditions! The director this year is *Adrian Walker*, violinist and conductor who graduated from the Eastman School of Music. Your students will enjoy working with Adrian and have a valuable musical experience

## Dates & Locations:

- Auditions: Monday, October 26, 3:30pm -9pm @ *Crestview Middle School*
- Rehearsals: Mondays, 5:00pm – 6:30pm on November 16, 23, 30, Dec 7, 14 @ *Parkway Northeast Middle School*
- Dress Rehearsal: Friday, January 8 at Rockwood Summit High School @ 5pm-7pm
- Concert: Saturday, January 9 at Rockwood Summit High School @ 3pm
- **PLEASE NOTE:** audition and rehearsal locations are different this year.

## Repertoire:

- To be selected

## Audition Music:

- Scale and excerpts posted on SLSMEA website: <http://www2.csd.org/slsmea>
- Short sightreading excerpt to be given at audition

## Absences:

- Any student who misses a rehearsal may not be allowed to perform at the concert. Students who miss more than one rehearsal, regardless of excuse, will definitely not be allowed to perform at the concert. If a student has a school orchestra concert on the night of a rehearsal they must still attend rehearsal and leave early.

## What I Need:

- All students must be registered online. Explanation below.
- One check from each individual school for the total audition fee, paid to SLSMEA, due to Audition Registration Table on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Explanation below.
- Orchestra director assistance at auditions and rehearsals. Please volunteer your time to help at one or more rehearsals. Help will be needed with setup, breakdown, tuning, and sectionals at three or more rehearsals. Come early...leave late... any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated! The 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra will not be rehearsing at the same time/location as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra, so both groups will need assistance at all rehearsals! **PLEASE NOTE:** the audition and rehearsal locations are different this year

*Please let me know what questions or concerns you may have. I'm very excited to be a part of this great experience!*

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## **MS Honor Orchestra – On-Line Registration Information**

**Registration for middle school honor orchestra is online. Go to the SLSMEA website which is:**

**[www2.csd.org/slsmea](http://www2.csd.org/slsmea)**

**Find the Middle School Honor Orchestra page and click on the “Online Registration Link”**

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR GROUP AUDITION/PARTICIPATION FEE Band – Orchestra – Choir**

All students auditioning or participating in a middle school honor group which includes the band, jazz band, orchestra, and choir will pay a fee of \$5.00 per student. If no audition is required, they will pay a \$5.00 participation fee per student.

The audition/participation fee is \$5.00 per student (not audition) and you must pay for all students that have been registered. If you register 10 students and only 5 actually come to the audition, you will still owe \$50.00 for all that have registered. (i.e. If a student decides to audition on Violin and Cello, he only owes \$5.00; he is considered one student.)

On October 26, directors/school representatives will need to check-in and pay the entire audition/participation fee for their school based on the number of students who registered. **ONE CHECK SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO SLSMEA** and brought with you. Schools that do not pay will cause their students to be **NOT ACCEPTED** to the middle school honor orchestra. Please, no purchase orders.

### **APPLICATION/REGISTRATION PROCESS:**

- Registration for middle school district honor orchestra is online. Go to the SLSMEA website which is: [www2.csd.org/slsmea](http://www2.csd.org/slsmea). Find the Middle School Honor Orchestra page and click on the “Online Registration Link.” 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 19.
- ***REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN September 21 at 6:00 a.m. REGISTRATION will conclude Friday, October 9 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, orchestra directors will receive an email the week of October 19 with all of their students who have registered along with their audition times and rooms. Students will need to report 30 minutes prior to their audition time to pick up their registration form. The registration area will be the outside the school cafeteria at Crestview Middle School. The cafeteria is located on the left side of the main lobby. Their audition number will be their audition time.
- On October 26, directors/school representatives will need to check-in and certify that the registered students are members of your junior high/middle school orchestra program and meets all requirements of the SLSMEA.
- 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.
- ***We suggest that directors register their students online. Below is a handout you could use to gather the necessary information from your students.***

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## **MS Honor Orchestra –Student Information Letter**

The director this year is *Adrian Walker*, violinist and conductor, a graduate of *Eastman School of Music*.

### **Eligibility**

- Must be a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade string player
- Must be a member of the school orchestra
- Must be from a school district that is a member of the St. Louis Cooperating School Districts

### **Auditions**

Date: Monday, October 26, 2009

Time: Students will be assigned an audition time from 3:30-9pm

Place: Crestview Middle School (see directions page)  
16025 Clayton Rd.  
Ellisville, MO 63110

### **Rehearsals**

Dates: Mondays

November 16, 23, 30

December 7, 14

Time: 5pm– 6:30pm

Place: Parkway Northeast Middle School  
181 Coeur de Ville Drive  
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

### **Dress Rehearsal**

Date: Friday, January 8, 2010

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Place: Rockwood Summit High School  
1780 Hawkins Rd.  
Fenton, MO 63026

### **Concert**

Date: Saturday, January 9, 2010

Time: 3pm

Place: Rockwood Summit High School

### **Audition Requirements**

- Scale and musical excerpts posted online at: <http://www2.csd.org/slsmea>
- Sight reading excerpt (provided at audition)
- No solo is required or expected

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## **MS Honor Orchestra –Student Information**

***Directors: Feel free to use this form to gather information from your students.***

***Students: Return this form to your teacher so they can register you online for auditions.***

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student email address: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year In School: \_\_\_\_\_

Orchestra Director Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Orchestra Director Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you auditioning on another instrument for District Honor Orchetra: Yes or No

If yes, what instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you audition successfully into the SLSMEA Middle School Honor Orchestra you will be expected to attend all scheduled rehearsals, dress rehearsal, and the concert. Any student who misses a rehearsal may not be allowed to perform at the concert. Students who miss more than one rehearsal, regardless of excuse, will definitely not be allowed to perform at the concert. If a student has a school concert on the night of a rehearsal, they must still attend rehearsal and leave early. You will be notified of your assigned audition time during the week of Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.

I have read and understand the information and guidelines pertaining to the SLSMEA Middle School Honors Orchestra.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_