

OHIO MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT 3
MS Festival Band/ Choir/ Jazz 2018

December 5, 2018

Dear Colleagues:

Planning for the 2019 OMEA District 3 Middle School Festival Band/Choir/Jazz has begun. It will once again be held in the Wapakoneta High School Performing Arts Center. The only part of this event that will involve mailing paper is the acceptance fee. Please contact **new** OMEA members in your area to ensure they are on the list serve and don't miss pertinent information. Students **may** participate in the Jazz Band even though they are part of one of the large ensembles as the rehearsals will not overlap.

Before sitting down at a computer to register your students, be sure to have the following documents scanned in PDF format and available for upload. Scan each item separately as they will be uploaded individually for each student. Be prepared to upload the following:

- Copy of your current OMEA card (which does not expire before the event occurs)
- Copy of each student's Emergency Medical Form
- Copy of each student's Transportation Form
- Copy of each student's Image Release Form
- Jazz Band only - MP3 recording for those that are auditioning

Directors will not be able to finish the registration process if any of these are not uploaded.

Parent acknowledgment forms **do not** need to be uploaded but should be returned to you to confirm student availability and shirt size. Please do not guess on shirt size (Bubba is going to look funny in a "small" shirt with an exposed midriff. Visualize that one ☺). Part of the form references booster contributions. It would be beneficial to speak with your boosters about supporting the festival in advance. This will allow for accurate information on that part of the form. We are asking each booster organization to contribute *something* to the event this year; even if it is at the lowest level. The varying levels of support are available on the booster form below. These donations go a long way in keeping our district events in the black and allow us to offer these experiences for your students. Obviously, this will be up to the organizations but your consideration is appreciated. Thank you in advance.

The web based form can be found through the JH Fest link on our D3 web page. Important dates and deadlines are as follows:

- Nominations begin: Monday, December 10, 2018 (Band: 4 students max, Choir: 6 Students max.)
- Online forms close: January 11, 2019 at midnight
- Results posted on the web: by Midnight January 15th (hopefully sooner).
 - There is a separate nomination form for each organization (band choir, jazz).
- Acceptance Fees: \$25 per accepted student per organization
 - Postmarked no later than midnight February 1st.
 - If a student is in two groups, you would deduct the cost of the second shirt. (e.g., a student in the jazz band and concert band would submit \$45).

- It will be at the discretion of the event chair to allow participation if this fee deadline is missed.
 - Now would be a good time to get PO's in place.
- Band/ Choir Rehearsals:
 - Friday, March 1, 2019, at Wapakoneta High School, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Wapakoneta High School, 10:00-noon, 1pm-2:30
- Concert:
 - Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Wapakoneta High School Performing Art Center, 3:00 p.m.
 - Uniform for the concert consists of Khaki pants and the event t-shirt
 - Choir members will need to bring a black folder for the performance

Cost of the concert is \$5 per person Children 5 and under are free
- Conductors:
 - Band: Dianne Moellering – Retired, Concordia Lutheran High School
 - Choir: Deb Bringman, University of Dayton, and Sweet Adelines
- Saturday Lunch:
 - A cafeteria style lunch will be provided by the Wapakoneta Band Boosters
 - Directors, please notify event chair of any special food **needs** for your students
 - Sectional director's meals are covered. All other directors may eat at a cost of \$5

Students must be present for all rehearsals and the performance in their entirety. *Students missing any portion of the rehearsals will not be permitted to perform.* Directors, please be certain that students can commit to this schedule before nominating them otherwise they have kept another student from participating. The selection committee will do its best to accept every school's top two students but instrumentation and voice concerns will take precedence over your nomination order. Students must be in seventh or eighth grade in order to participate. Acceptance fees should be mailed to:

**Wapakoneta Middle School
c/o Mr. Klayton Hilleary
400 Harrison St.
Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895.**

Checks are to be made payable to OMEA (blue or black ink only). Questions can be directed to me at (W) 419-739-5111 or hillkl@wapak.org. I will get to my e-mail more regularly than voice mail. I look forward to another educational event for your students.

Sincerely,

Klayton Hilleary
JH/MS Festival Chair

Director Letter Addendum
Items to consider going forward

1. There were a few issues last year with students not being ready for the experience. We are counting on you as a director to only submit students who are sufficiently proficient on their instrument.
Nominated students should have a reasonably characteristic tone quality, presentable intonation (especially on the color instruments), and be technically and rhythmically proficient. Please keep these items in mind when nominating students.

2. Every year the festival chairs have directors that say the individual responsible for cutting checks for your school district is out sick, slow to pay bills, only cut checks once a month, etc. . We all know the tendencies of our BOE personnel. We also know the maximum amount this event could cost your program. Since that is the case, it would be prudent to get a PO in place *now* so that when the final numbers are released the turnaround time on acceptance fees should be short. Please get ahead of the curve if this is a typical problem with your treasurer. It will save you and the event chairs hassles in the long run.

OHIO MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT 3 JH/MS Festival 2019
BAND/CHOIR
Parent Acknowledgement Form

Wapakoneta City Schools will again be hosting the 2019 OMEA District III Junior High Festival Band/Choir Event. In an effort to have a quality event it is imperative that we set some event guidelines. Parents, please thoroughly check the listed dates with your calendars to ensure that your student is able to fulfill their commitment to the organization. **Students missing any portion of the rehearsals will not be permitted to perform on the concert. If you cannot commit to this schedule do not submit your student for consideration to participate in the event.** Up-to-date information may be viewed at the event link on the OMEA District 3 web site. This web site will be used to communicate directly with parents/students in case of bad weather or if other issues arise.

Dates and times to consider:

- Band/ Choir Rehearsals:
 - Friday, March 1, 2019, at Wapakoneta High School, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Wapakoneta High School, 10:00-noon, 1pm-2:30
- Concert:
 - Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Wapakoneta High School Performing Art Center, 3:00 p.m.
- Conductors:
 - Band: Dianne Moellering – Retired, Concordia Lutheran High School
 - Choir: Deb Bringman, University of Dayton, and Sweet Adelines

I have read the above information and understand that my student must be at all rehearsals and the performance for their entirety or they will not be permitted to participate in the event. I am also agreeing, as a parent, to make sure they fulfill their commitment to the organization.

Student Name (Printed) _____

Parent Signature _____

Student's Shirt Size: _____?

Be sure to provide shirt size or your director will be unable to complete the nomination process.

All correspondence with event chairs should be done through your directors.

Cost of the concert is \$5 per person Children 5 and under are free

**OHIO MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT 3
MS Festival Jazz 2019**

December 5, 2018

Dear OMEA District 3 Students and Directors,

Thank you for your interest in the 2019 Junior High Honors Jazz Band. Jazz is a genre that is fundamental to a lot of the popular music we listen to today and Charlie Doepker and I are excited to share it with young band students. Often time's directors do not nominate students because there is not a jazz program in their school. Don't let this deter you from nominating students. Many members of previous bands did not have a junior high jazz group at their home school. Since we focus on developing the basics of jazz style, articulation, and improvisation, being deficient in these areas is not an issue.

Before nominating students, be sure they can commit to the following dates/times and have transportation to the site.

Rehearsals:

Sunday, February 10, 2019	5-7pm	Bluffton University, Mosiman Hall
Sunday, February 17, 2019	5-7pm	Bluffton University, Mosiman Hall
Sunday, February 24, 2019	5-7pm	Bluffton University, Mosiman Hall

Concert:

Saturday, March 2, 2019	3pm	Wapakoneta High School, Performing Arts Center
-------------------------	-----	--

Please note that students MAY be members of the jazz band and either one of the large ensembles. There are no rehearsal conflicts that prevent membership in two groups. Audition music can be found at the event link on the OMEA District 3 website. The audition music includes scales for winds, piano, guitar, and bass guitar. Your recordings will need to be in MP3 or WAVE format in order to upload in the nomination form. Please label your recording with your student's name, school and instrument. All audition applications and recordings must be submitted (online) by Friday, January 11, 2019. Audition results will be posted on the event website by Wednesday, January 15, 2019.

You may submit applications (and recordings) for more than one instrument. Alto saxophone players should consider submitting an audition for tenor/and or Bari. Sax. Please encourage bass guitar, guitar and piano players to audition. Check with choir directors for students who may not be in band.

Submit audition recordings through the Jazz Band Nomination Form. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email (pbaransy@woh.rr.com) or call me (cell 419 615-8544) (home 419 523-3122). I promise to respond quickly.

Paul Baransy

**OHIO MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT III JH/MS Festival 2019
Jazz Band
Parent Acknowledgement Form**

Wapakoneta City Schools will again be hosting the 2019 OMEA District 3 Junior High Festival Band/Choir Event. In an effort to have a quality event it is imperative that we set some event guidelines. Parents, please thoroughly check the listed dates with your calendars to ensure that your student is able to fulfill their commitment to the organization. **Students missing any portion of the rehearsals will not be permitted to perform on the concert. If you cannot commit to this schedule do not submit your student for consideration to participate in the event.** Up-to-date information may be viewed at the event link on the OMEA District 3 web site. This web site will be used to communicate directly with parents/students in case of bad weather or if other issues arise.

Dates and times to consider:

- **Rehearsals:**
 - Sunday, February 10, 2019, 5-7pm - Bluffton University, Mosiman Hall
 - Sunday, February 17, 2019, 5-7pm - Bluffton University, Mosiman Hall
 - Sunday, February 24, 2019, 5-7pm - Bluffton University, Mosiman Hall
- **Concert:**
 - Saturday, March 2, 2019, 3pm - Wapakoneta High School, Performing Arts Center
- **Jazz Directors:**
 - Paul Baransy, Charlie Doepker

I have read the above information and understand that my student must be at all rehearsals and the performance for their entirety or they will not be permitted to participate in the event. I am also agreeing, as a parent, to make sure they fulfill their commitment to the organization.

Student Name (Printed) _____

Parent Signature _____

Student's Shirt Size: _____?

Be sure to provide shirt size or your director will be unable to complete the nomination process.

All correspondence with event chairs should be done through your directors.

Cost of the concert is \$5 per person Children 5 and under are free

OMEA DISTRICT III JUNIOR HIGH FESTIVAL 2019

Chairpersons

Klayton Hilleary, Steven Wimmers, Stacie Korte

1 West Redskin Trail, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

(419) 739-5111

hillkl@wapak.org

December 5, 2018

Dear Music Booster,

For over 17 years, the Ohio Music Education Association District 3, has sponsored and supported a Festival Band, Choir, and Jazz Ensemble for outstanding middle school/ junior high musicians in an eight county area (Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, and Van Wert.) Because of financial support by organizations such as yours our district has been able to provide this type of educational experience to your students.

We believe that every school music program in District 3 benefits from this Festival by placing young students in rehearsal settings that require greater self-discipline and focus than they are used to and by performing with top students from other programs. The selected students take this example back to their home schools, become role models in their local programs, and share their enriched musical experiences.

In order to maintain this performance opportunity, we must further increase the financial base of the Band/Choir and Jazz Festival. Please consider joining other booster organizations that were Patrons (or higher) of the O.M.E.A. District III Junior High Festival in past years. The following is a list of the different sponsoring levels available: Patron-\$25 or more, Benefactors II \$75 or more, Benefactors \$100 or more. We are asking for all participating schools' booster programs to contribute at some level. All supporters will be listed in the program. Donations need be received at the address listed below no later than Friday, February 1, 2019 to ensure proper program credit.

Musically,

Klayton Hilleary
Steven Wimmers
Stacie Korte
Festival Chairpersons
400 Harrison St.
Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895
(419) 738-5111