

# OHIO MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

## DISTRICT III MS Festival Band/ Choir/ Jazz 2018

November 27, 2017

Dear Colleagues:

Planning for the 2018 OMEA District III Middle School Festival Band/Choir/Jazz has begun. It will once again be held in the Wapakoneta High School Performing Arts Center. Once again, **the only part of this event that will involve mailing paper is the acceptance/meal/shirt fee.** Be sure to contact new OMEA members in your area to ensure they are on the list serve. Directions for this are at [www.district3omea.org](http://www.district3omea.org). We made some major changes last year and are making some this year as well so please read this letter thoroughly. These changes are designed to allow more opportunities for our students, have fewer deadlines for directors, add more uniformity to the event and make the financial side of the event easier on everyone involved.

**NEW THIS YEAR: The cost of the event is now \$25 per student.** This price increase will now cover an event T-shirt AND the cost of the meal. The cost of the meal has always been an expense but has traditionally been one more item to have to pay for on the day of the event. The shirts were added to provide more uniformity in appearance during the performance. The shirts are the official uniform top for the concert and will be handed out the day of the performance. There is no need to submit student food choices as we are moving to a set menu which students will from as they go through the line. We used this last year when we hosted the ASBDA event and it worked better for all involved.

**STARTED LAST YEAR:** Students **may** participate in the Jazz Band even though they are a member of one of the large ensembles. The rehearsals for the jazz band will not be at the same time as major ensemble rehearsals so participation in both groups is possible. Next, **choir directors are encouraged to nominate up to six students which is two more than previous years.** The final change involves the registration process. Before sitting down at the computer to register your students, be sure to have all of the following documents scanned in PDF format and available for upload. All items need to be scanned separately (e.g., If you are nominating four students there needs to be four separately scanned med forms). Each student should have a separately scanned form for each of the following:

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

Keep in mind that you will not be able to finish the registration process if any of these are not uploaded.

**Note - Parent acknowledgment forms do not need to be uploaded or scanned but should be received back to you so as to be sure that your students can commit to the dates/times. It would also be beneficial if you speak with your boosters about supporting the festival in advance as well. We are asking each booster organization to contribute something to the event this year; even if it is at the lowest level. Keep in mind that these donations go a long way in keeping the festivals in the black. Obviously, this will be up to the organizations but your consideration would be appreciated.**

There is a little more work on the front end of the process, but this new method will reduce the number of times students and directors must chase down needed items. Make a packet of the attached forms. Hand the packet to students you wish to nominate and have them return completed packets to you. Scan the forms separately for each student (if you need help scanning there are always students that would be willing to help). Once this is

finished you are ready to nominate. The web based form can be found at [wapakband.org](http://wapakband.org) by clicking on the JH FEST link to the left of the main page. **All online forms will be closed at midnight on January 12, 2018**

There is a separate nomination form for each organization so be sure you fill out the correct one. You will find out very quickly if you are on the wrong form BUT I wanted to give you a heads up. Nominations can start any time after receiving this letter.

**Results posted on the web:** by Midnight January 16th.

**Acceptance Fees:** Postmarked no later than midnight February 2nd. The acceptance fee is \$25 per accepted student. 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. Once we receive your acceptance fees we will send your students music.

**Band/ Choir Rehearsals:** Friday, March 2, 2018, at Wapakoneta High School, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Wapakoneta High School, 10:00-noon, 1pm-2:30

***Lunch will be provided by the Wapakoneta Band Boosters over the lunch hour  
Sectional director's meals are covered. All other directors may eat at the cost of \$5***

**Concert:** Saturday, March 2, 2018, 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: Damien Crutcher - Crescendo Detroit, CEO, Farmington Community Band  
Choir: Amy Leacock, Upper Arlington High School

**Selection:** Groups are selected from director's recommendation – no audition is required (except for the jazz band). 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 make certain that students can commit to this schedule before you nominate them.** If one of your students gets accepted and then backs out, they have kept another student from participating. Make sure this does not occur. Nominate your **four** (6 for vocalists) most deserving students in the order of their qualifications, listing your most deserving student **first**. Also, signify BC/TC for baritone players, which type of sax, and if your percussionist are comfortable with mallets and/or timpani. Vocalists should be classified as Soprano, Alto, or Baritone (unless you have a true bass in your middle school choir). 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**. Every year there are directors that send checks to the high school or my home. Please do not do this as I am set up to handle the event at the address above. Checks are to be made payable to OMEA. Questions can be directed to me at (W) [419-739-5111](tel:419-739-5111) or (H) [hillekl@wapak.org](mailto:hillekl@wapak.org). I will get to my e-mail more regularly than voice mail. I look forward to another educational event.

Sincerely,  
Klayton Hilleary  
Stacie Korte  
Steven Wimmers  
JH/MS Honors Festival Co-Chairs

**OHIO MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**  
**DISTRICT III JH/MS Honors Festival 2018**  
**BAND/CHOIR Parent Acknowledgement Form**

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Up-to-date information may be viewed at [www.wapakband.org](http://www.wapakband.org) (go to the Festival link at the left of the home page). This web site will be used to communicate directly with parents/students in case of bad weather or if other issues arise.

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**Music Dissemination:** Student music will be made available to the directors when their fees have been received by the event chair. It is the director's responsibility to collect and return all funds. Students will be removed from the group if the proper fees and forms have not been **received** by the appropriate dates.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**My students t-shirt size is (circle one):**

Youth Small, Youth Medium, Youth Large,

Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult XL, Adult XXL, Adult XXXL

# 2018 JH FEST JAZZ INFORMATION

November 28, 2017

Dear OMEA District III Students and Directors,

Thank you for your interest in the 2018 Junior High Honors Jazz Band. Jazz is a genre that is fundamental to a large body of popular music we listen to today. Charlie Doepker and I are once again excited to share it with young band students. Often times, 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 experience in a jazz group. 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 make sure they can commit to the following dates/times and have transportation to the site.

## **Rehearsals:**

Sunday, February 11, 2018	5-7pm	Bluffton University, Mosiman Hall
Sunday, February 18, 2018	5-7pm	Bluffton University, Mosiman Hall
Friday, February 25, 2018	5-7 pm	Bluffton University, Mosiman Hall

## **Concert:**

Saturday, March 3, 2018	3pm	Wapakoneta High School, Performing Arts Center
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Please note that students MAY participate in jazz band and one of the other large ensembles. There are no rehearsal conflicts that prevent membership in two groups.

Audition music can be found at [wapakband.org](http://wapakband.org) on the link to the left of their homepage. Once into that portion of their web site you will find audition music and a rehearsal track. In addition to recording the audition music, wind players (trumpet, trombone, and saxophone) should record a Bb concert scale demonstrating the extent of their range. Your recordings need to be uploaded in the nomination form on the website and need to be in an MP3 format. All audition applications (online) and recordings must be submitted by Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Audition results will be posted on the Wapakoneta band website by midnight January 16, 2018.

You may submit applications (and recordings) for more than one instrument. Alto Sax 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.

If you have ANY questions, please don't hesitate to email ([pbaransy@woh.rr.com](mailto:pbaransy@woh.rr.com)) or call (cell 419 615-8544) (home 419 523-3122). I promise to respond quickly.

Paul Baransy

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**DISTRICT III JH/MS Honors Festival 2018**  
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**JAZZ DIRECTORS:** Paul Baransy, Charlie Doepker

**This form is to be returned to local directors. Directors are not to submit names and record auditions unless they have this signed form. There is no need to submit this form to the event chair.**

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# ***OMEA DISTRICT III JUNIOR HIGH FESTIVAL 2018***

**Chairpersons**

**Klayton Hilleary, Steven Wimmers, Stacie Korte**

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**(419) 739-5111**

**hillkl@wapak.org**

November 29, 2017

Dear Music Booster,

For over 17 years, the Ohio Music Education Association District III, has sponsored and supported a Festival Band and Choir for the 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 III 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. *We are asking for every participating booster organization to contribute to the event at some level.* Please consider joining other booster organizations that supported 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. All supporters will be listed in the program at the appropriate level. Donations must be received at the address listed below by Friday, February 2, 2018 to ensure proper program credit.

Musically,

Klayton Hilleary  
Steven Wimmers  
Stacie Korte  
Festival Chairpersons  
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