

I.M.E.A. District I Junior Division Festival Newsletter

This packet contains important information for all participating directors and students. Please distribute all the music and necessary information included in this mailing to all the participating directors and students at your school. Only one mailing has been sent to your school, so it is very important that you share this information with the other music teachers at your school in a timely manner.

Please take the time to carefully read all of the information in this packet and review the material with your students so they understand what is expected of them.

Thank you so much to our audition host, Elise Greene from Liberty Junior High School. We are very appreciative of her hard work! A special thanks to the parent and student volunteers as well as the staff at Liberty Junior High School for being gracious hosts!

Thank you in advance to Bert Johnson and the Lincoln Way North Music Department and Music Boosters. We appreciate your support of the Junior Division Festival and we look forward to making music in your beautiful school!

All directors are also invited to attend the I.M.E.A. District I Jazz Festival on Saturday, November 14th. Please see the enclosed jazz packet for specific details in regards to the jazz festival.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, November 7th at Lincoln Way North High School for the I.M.E.A. District I Junior Festival.

Sincerely,

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I.M.E.A. Festival Information for Directors
Saturday, November 7, 2009
Lincoln Way North High School
19900 S. Harlem Avenue
Frankfort, IL 60423

Director Attendance

All directors with participating students are expected to be in attendance for the entire festival day including the festival performance. *Please make sure all of your students are accounted for before you leave Lincoln Way North High School at the conclusion of the concert.*

Student Preparation

Please assist your students with their music so they are prepared on the day of the festival.

Directions

FROM THE EAST – I-80 to Harlem Avenue/Rt. 43 Exit South for 2.0 miles, the school will be on your right.

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FROM THE NORTH – Harlem Avenue 2.0 miles South of I-80. The school will be on your right.

FROM THE SOUTH - Harlem Avenue North, the school will be on your left approximately 1.5 miles after U.S. Route 30.

School Entry and Drop-Off

The entry into the school property is **DOOR 47** (Auditorium Entrance). The best entrance into the property is from the light at Vollmer Rd. Turn in and proceed straight to the rear of the building and you will be directed where to drop-off the students.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT – Please do not try to enter the school from any other door except 47.

Parking Instructions

Once the students are safely dropped off at **DOOR 47**, all busses will be directed where to park in the event that they are staying for the day. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON YOUR OWN.** All civilian vehicles will be directed to a separate parking area. *(A parking map is included with this packet of information.)*

Registration

Only directors are allowed to register their students upon arrival. One director from each school should register and pick up student nametags at the registration tables located in the Lincoln Way North High School Auditorium lobby. If traveling by bus, students should remain on the bus while the director registers. If traveling by car, students should wait in the auditorium lobby (off to the side and away from the registration tables) while the director registers. After registering, the director will distribute nametags on the bus/away from the registration area. All students **MUST** wear their nametag on their shirt for the entire festival. Students will then proceed to their homeroom to store their cases and coats for the day. *(Rooms will be designated and clearly posted at Lincoln Way North High School on the day of the festival.)*

Director Homeroom

The Directors' Hospitality Room will be located in the Lincoln Way North High School library.

J.E.M.

There will be an Elementary/Junior High Choral Reading Session from 9:30-10:30a.m. in the Choir Room at Lincoln Way North High School. This session is free and all who attend will receive a packet of choral music provided by the sponsor, J.W. Pepper.

Director's Lunch

Don't forget to order your lunch! An order form is included in this packet. Director's lunch orders are due immediately!

Directors who have pre-ordered lunch will have their lunch available at 11:30a.m. Lunch will be served in the teacher's lounge and directors can eat in the Lincoln Way North library.

Division Meetings

All division meetings will be held in the Lincoln Way North High School library. *All directors are expected to attend.* Please consider volunteering for a division co-representative position.

Band	9:30-10:15
Orchestra	9:30-10:15
Choir	10:45-11:30

I.M.E.A. District 1 Meeting

The District 1 Junior Division meeting will take place on November 7th at 1:15p.m. in the Lincoln Way North High School library. *All directors are expected to attend.* Please consider volunteering for the festival co-chair position and Junior Division audition host. In addition, if you feel that your high school might be interested in hosting the 2010 Junior Festival, please speak with your high school colleague in advance of our meeting on November 7th.

Post Concert Pick Up

We encourage directors to have the cell phone number of their bus driver. Directors should contact drivers when the concert is done for the evening, so busses can pull around and pick up students at the **DOOR 47** entrance. *(This is the only place busses will be allowed to pick up.)*

If you have any concerns or questions about the festival, please contact us!

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Sample Press Release

Note: If you choose to publicize this event with local media, you are encouraged to add the names of your participating students and the schools they are representing

The I.M.E.A. Junior Festival Choir, Orchestra, and Band

On Saturday, November 7th, 2009, the Illinois Music Educators Association Elementary and Junior High Division will hold its annual District I Music Festival at Lincoln Way North High School in Frankfort. The festival will involve over 500 students selected from more than 60 schools throughout the southwestern metropolitan Chicago area.

The Festival Band, Orchestra, and Chorus will present a public Festival Finale Concert to be held at 3:00p.m. in the Lincoln Way North High School Gymnasium. Admission for the concert is \$5.00. Children under 6 will be admitted free of charge. Appearing in concert will be the 150 member festival band, the 100 piece festival orchestra, and the festival chorus numbering over 150 voices. Guest conductors/clinicians for the event are: Stacy Larson, Vandercook College of Music, Band; Joanne May, Glenbard East High School, orchestra; and Joe Grant, University of Illinois, chorus.

IMEA JR High Director Catered Lunch Form

Name_____

Date Submitted_____

Cost of catered meal: 10.00 dollars

Mail this form with checks made payable to:

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Students – please read this information carefully and also share this packet with your parents/guardians.

Preparation

Students should arrive at the festival well prepared on their individual parts so the conductor can work with the entire ensemble during the festival day. Students can and should request assistance in preparing the music from their band, choir, or orchestra teacher as well as their private lesson teacher. Advance preparation on the music will help ensure a successful concert at the end of the festival day.

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What Students Should Bring

Band and Orchestra students should bring their instruments, festival music, pencil, and a **folding music stand**. Percussionists should bring all appropriate sticks/mallets that are required for the assigned part. Please label sticks/mallets with the student/school name. Every student needs to label his/her case and stand with his/her name and school. The students' stands will be used for all rehearsals as well as for the concert.

***Choir students need to bring their music and a black folder.**

Concert Dress

Students are expected to dress at a level appropriate to the honor of being chosen for the I.M.E.A. Festival. All participating Band, Choir, and Orchestra students are to wear **BLACK BOTTOMS** and **WHITE TOPS**. Please refrain from jeans, t-shirts, and tennis shoes.

Student Lunches

Food for student lunches will be provided a la carte in the Lincoln Way North High School Cafeteria. Students must bring **CASH** with them to purchase lunch. \$10 is enough to purchase a full lunch. If desired, students may bring a sack lunch. **ALL STUDENTS** are **REQUIRED** to eat in the cafeteria.

Student Lunch Menu

Chicken Patty Sandwich - \$2.50	Salad - \$2.50
Hot Dog - \$1.50	Mac and Cheese - \$2.00
Hamburger - \$2.00	Chips - \$1.00
Candy - \$1.00	Bottled Water/Sobe/Propel - \$1.50
	Pop - \$1.00

Personal Conduct

It is an honor to be chosen for I.M.E.A. Student conduct is to be at the highest level throughout the festival day (including breaks and lunch). Students are representing their school and should have proper behavior at all times. Any inappropriate conduct may result in the immediate removal of the student from festival activities.

Chair Placement

All Band and Orchestra chairs and part assignments were completed at the October 3rd auditions and are correctly indicated on the music assigned to each student.

Instrument Repair

A representative from a music company will be on hand all day for any instrument repair emergencies. This will be located in the Lincoln Way North High School Auditorium lobby.

T-Shirts and Plaques

Students will be able to purchase t-shirts and plaques to commemorate their I.M.E.A. experience. Displays will be set up near the concert ticket sales near the Athletic Entrance (**DOOR 11**).

Performance

The Festival Concert on November 7 (Concert Band, Orchestra, and Choir) will begin at 3:00p.m. in the Lincoln Way North High School Gymnasium.

The building will be open to the audience at 2:00p.m. Audience members will be allowed to enter the performance area starting at 2:30p.m.

Admission is \$5.00/person, excluding children under the age of 6. Approximately 1500 people are expected to be in attendance for the concert. Please allow ample time for parking, walking to the performance venue, and purchasing tickets.

Concert Entry and Parking

The Athletic Entrance (**DOOR 11**) will be the Concert Ticket purchase-entrance. Concert parking is located directly behind the stadium. The best entrance is at the light at Vollmer Rd. Once on the property, proceed directly behind and around the building.

*Lincoln Way North High School and I.M.E.A. do not assume any responsibility for instruments that are damaged or liability for the welfare of the students.

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Saturday, November 7, 2009
Lincoln Way North High School

Registration begins at 8:30a.m.

Band Schedule

9:00 - 11:15	Rehearsal in Band Room
11:15 - 12:00	Student lunch in Cafeteria
12:00	All directors help move percussion to Gymnasium
12:15 - 2:30	Rehearsal in Gymnasium
2:30 - 3:00	Prepare for concert

Orchestra Schedule

9:00 - 10:30	Rehearsal in Gymnasium
10:30 - 11:30	Sectionals – See Room Schedule
11:30 - 12:15	Student lunch in Cafeteria
12:30 - 2:30	Rehearsal in Band Room
2:30 - 3:00	Prepare for concert

Chorus

9:00 - 9:30	Rehearsal in Auditorium
9:30 - 10:30	Sectionals – See Room Schedule
10:30 - 12:00	Rehearsal in Gymnasium
12:00 - 12:45	Student lunch in Cafeteria
1:00 - 2:30	Rehearsal in Auditorium
2:30 - 3:00	Prepare for concert