

District Presidents Fall Newsletter2009

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Welcome back to another fun filled year of music education! A special welcome goes out to those of you who are first time members of District 4. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at all – that is what I am here for. This fall newsletter is to supplement the spring newsletter that is posted on the District 4 web page. If there have been any changes or updates to that information – you will find it here along with some other reminders. All the specific audition information is listed on the District 4 web page for your convenience.

Below you will see a table of all the important dates that you need to be ware of. Please share this information with all music educators in your district

Elementary schools – There is no Elementary Information Form and no fee for elementary schools. You must, however, enter/confirm/update your school information in the online RNS System.

MAKE SURE YOU UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION ON LINE! You cannot access the registration pages until this is completed. If you have paid your fees and have not updated your info – you will not be able to enter any students until you complete the update. Please make sure to delete any teachers that are no longer in your district. If you need to change your primary contact – I have to do it for you. Contact me and I will make the needed changes. I can also look up passwords for you. Watch for an update in the WIU map. I will wait as log as possible to put out a new map since things are in a constant flux with the construction project on campus. I will email it to you – and post it on the web page. The map currently on the web page is from last year.

I will again need money takers for all of the concerts. If you are available – please email me. You will be added to my list of very special people (VSP) if you volunteer!

CHORUS AUDITIONS ARE AT PORTA CENTRAL
INSTRUMENTAL AUDITIONS ARE AT PORTA HIGH SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 5, 2009	Deadline for School Participation Form and Fee (To State Office)
October 1, 2009	Deadline for Student Nominations
October 3, 2009	Deadline for Summary Sheets and Audition Fees (To District. President)
October 12, 2009	District Auditions – PORTA High School for Instrumentalists PORTA Central for vocalists
November 7, 2009	District Concert Festival (Western Illinois University)
November 13, 2009	Deadline for Future Music Educator Seminar (FMES) Nominations
November 21, 2009	District Jazz Festival (Rochester High School)
January 27-30, 2009	IMEA All-State Music Conference (Peoria)

AREA UPDATES

Senior Division

- Deadline to complete online registration is October 1. Make sure to get your summary sheet and the \$\$\$ in the mail to me prior to October 3. **MAKE SURE TO DOUBLE CHECK FOR ALL SIGNATURES.**
- If you are entering juniors and seniors – please pay close attention to the question - will accept assignment in? – (after you say yes to participate in all-state). Please numerically rank the students preference instead of Y or N. This makes it easier for the reps sitting at the table at the Selection Meeting to know exactly what that student wants/prefers to participate in.
- **To print summary sheet:** Click on “Summary Billing Sheet” on the blue tab found on the top of your entry page. There will be specific instructions on how to print the sheet. **PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS SO THAT I HAVE ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT I NEED!**
- **Double check all of your information** so that you don’t have problems further into the process. Make sure the grade level is correct – make sure the all-state questions are answered correctly – **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ENTERED THE CORRECT VOICE PART/INSTRUMENT CHOICE.** (This is our biggest headache on audition day – do double check your info and save us all the time it takes to correct these errors please)
- Make sure you have the principal signature and the primary contact signature. I have to have those in order to complete the all-state selection process.
- Mail the summary sheet and audition fee check to Kim Webster (address on bottom of form) by deadline of OCTOBER 3. Checks are made out to IMEA District 4.
- Band Chairperson – Melinda Reed is now in the Jacksonville school district – the best way to contact her is via email at ml_reed@hotmail.com. **This is a change.**
- If you have a student that is interested in music education as a career – please consider the FMES program. It is a great opportunity for future music educators. If your students register for this program – follow the directions on submitting an essay. If you have any problems at all – please let me know. This phase of the on-line entry process is still in the developing stage.

- **Senior Chorus – I am so sorry that I omitted a song from the Spring Newsletter. Please add:**

The Storm is Passing Over
arr. Barbara Baker
SATB
Boosey and Hawkes
OCTB6936

Junior Division

- There will be a mass piece at the end of the junior concert. It is titled My America by Eilers and Murtha. Band members and string players will be mailed parts after auditions. Chorus directors can obtain a copy on audition day from the Junior Level chair person,
- **THE JUNIOR HIGH PERCUSSION ETUDE IS POSTED ON THE DISTRICT 4 WEB PAGE.** This is prepared in addition to the band audition selections. These are the same ones that were posted last spring. Please make sure that your students are rehearsing the correct etudes. This is your responsibility.
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- Junior Orchestra – please drop Pete Martin a note on what part (violin 1 or violin 2) your kids are preparing. He needs to try to have a balanced group – so please send some of each. There is no place to note this on the online registry – so please drop Pete a note so he knows what to prepare for.
- We are trying something new this year! Please check the below grid for rehearsal times. **ALL GROUPS IN THE JUNIOR CONCERT WILL REPORT TO WESTERN HALL @ 8 AM FOR MASS REHEARSAL!** After the rehearsal is completed then the students will walk to their assigned rehearsal venues. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL DIRECTORS IN YOUR BUILDING ARE AWARE OF THIS CHANGE!!!

	Rehearsal Site		Morning Rehearsal	Lunch	Afternoon Rehearsal	Concert Adult - \$3 Student - \$2
Senior Band (don't forget a folding stand)	Union Grand Ballroom Seating @ 8AM		8:15a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m. Western Hall
Senior Chorus (bring your Chorus robe)	COFAC Recital Hall Seating @ 8AM		8:15a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.– 1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m. Western Hall
Junior Band (don't forget a folding stand)	Western Hall Seating @ 8AM	Mass Rehearsal @ Western Hall 8:15 – 9:00 AM	9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	2:00 p.m. Western Hall
Junior Chorus	Heritage Rm. University Union Seating @ 8AM in Western Hall	Mass Rehearsal @ Western Hall 8:15 – 9:00 AM	9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Heritage Room UniversityUnion	12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	2:00 p.m. Western Hall
Senior Orchestra (don't forget a folding stand)	Browne Hall Room 129 Seating @ 8AM		8:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	1:00 – 4:00	4:30 p.m. Western Hall
Junior Orchestra (don't forget a folding stand)	Browne Hall Room 220 Seating @ 8AM in Western Hall	Mass Rehearsal @ Western Hall 8:15 – 9:00 AM	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 am	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	2:00 p.m. Western Hall
Elementary Chorus	Horrabin Hall Seating @ 8AM in Western Hall	Mass Rehearsal @ Western Hall 8:15 – 9:00 AM	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	2:00 p.m. Western Hall

Elementary Chorus

- There will be a mass piece for the end of the junior concert. It is “My America” by Eilers and Murtha. Chorus directors can obtain a copy on audition day from the Junior Level chair person or the Elementary Chorus rep.
- There is NO Elementary Level Information Form or fee to register your elementary school.
- All Elementary Chorus music is 2-part.
- You may nominate as many students as are worthy. You will be asked what part and then you are to rank your students according to ability. Please double check your entries.
- You will be notified of selection and than you send fees to the state office.