

2012 NJSMA Elementary Honors Band Festival

Saturday, May 5, 2012

9:00 AM-3:00 PM - Columbia High School

(Directors meeting begins at 8:15 AM)

The NJSMA Elementary Honors Band Festival is a new event that provides 5th and 6th grade students the opportunity to participate in a region ensemble. Each grade level ensemble will include approximately 85 students based on balanced instrumentation. The ensembles will rehearse during the morning and perform in an afternoon concert. All students are sponsored through nomination, not by audition, by the sponsoring band director who must be present throughout the day of the festival.

Two balanced bands will be formed based on director nominations. The selection committee will do their best to accept as many students as possible, but in order to provide a quality experience for the participants, there are limits as to how many students we can accept. **Directors must commit to the day of the event, and must attend and assist with logistics at the event.** No substitutes will be allowed and should any director not fulfill this responsibility, the director will not be permitted to sponsor students the following year.

Students will arrive at the site at 9:00 AM and the two bands will rehearse in the morning, eat lunch, rehearse again and present their concert at 2:00 PM. All participants will receive a T-shirt to be worn for the concert. More specific details will be distributed to participants (through their directors) once the selection committee has selected the ensembles. The participation fee will be \$15.00 per student and must be sent in upon receipt of the acceptance letter. Please confirm whether students are available on the date but do not collect any money before you have received written notification of acceptance.

Please use the following typable form to nominate your students. Please keep in mind that not all students nominated may be accepted. Students in Grades 5 and 6 are eligible. All students must be members in good standing of their own school band ensembles. Please provide any comments you feel may assist the selection committee (to determine parts, percussion strengths, etc). Each sponsoring director may nominate up to 12 students. You are not required to submit 12 names, just your best students. If you are a teacher that teaches in more than one school, you can submit a total of 12 students combined, not 12 names per school. Directors will be e-mailed acceptance letters for those students accepted.

Remember, we are looking to create balanced bands. Please use these maximum numbers as a reference as you nominate students:

- **Maximum of one student for alto saxophone**
- **Maximum of two students for percussion**
- **Maximum of three students each for trumpet and flute**
- **Maximum of four students each for all other instruments**
(*Bassoon, bass clarinet, tuba and horn are typically in demand.*)

Include a copy of your current NAFME (formerly MENC) membership card and return the completed form below postmarked by Friday, February 17, 2012 to:

Matthew Spatz
Millburn High School
462 Millburn Ave
Millburn, NJ 07041

Forms received dated after Feb. 17, 2012 will not be accepted

Contact **Matthew Spatz** with any questions: mspatz@NJSMA.com or 973-376-3600, ext. 311

2012 Elementary Honors Band Nomination Form

This form is typable in Adobe Acrobat 7.0 and higher. Type your information before printing.

Director Name _____

School _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Town/Zip _____ E-mail _____

Director T-Shirt Size _____ Director's Primary Instrument _____

Attach a copy of NAFME (MENC) membership card. (Info side only)

John Doe
 ID#: 123456
 Type: FA Exp: 05/2012
 State Aff: NJ (or later)

Student Name	Grade	Instrument (max 4 per inst, except 3/fl, 1/alto sax, 3/tpt, 2/perc)	Comments Outstanding musical characteristics, part distribution, perc. strengths, and any other relevant info.	T-shirt Size (adult S, M, L, XL)
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