

Southeast District Junior Festival 2018

General Information for Students, Parents, and Directors

~ Taunton High School ~

March 16th & 17th (Snow Date - March 18th)

Welcome!

The Taunton Music Department is pleased to host the 2018 Southeast District MMEA Junior Festival. Included with this information packet you will find a rehearsal schedule, information on meals and snacks, how to purchase tickets and download recordings, and directions to Taunton High School. In case of emergency during the festival we can be reached at 508-821-1153. Please direct all other questions to the music directors at your own school. We hope that everyone enjoys the Festival!

Registration

Registration will take place in the lobby of the Taunton High School Auditorium/Field House (There will be students showing you the way) beginning on Friday, March 16th at 8:15 AM and ending at 9:00 AM. *Only chaperones may register participating students.* Students should proceed directly to their rehearsal sites. Staff responsibility forms and designated chaperone forms must be completed and handed in before students can be officially registered.

Upon arrival, instrumentalists should leave **cases** in the auditorium seating area.

Students are expected to be warmed up and ready to begin rehearsal (not arrive) promptly at 9:00 AM in the following locations all within Taunton High School:

Mixed Choir: Upstairs Gym
Treble Choir: Field House (Main Gym)
Band: On Stage in the Auditorium
Jazz Band: Parker Middle School Band Room (Next door to the upstairs gym)
Orchestra: THS Band Room

As per ruling of the Secondary School Principals' Association, no student participating in this Festival is permitted to drive to or from the Festival.

Meals

Students will be provided with lunch on Friday and Saturday. Also, snacks and water will be sold during the rehearsal breaks. Student lunch will be provided in the cafeteria Friday and Saturday.

Directors' lunch will be served each day in the THS Chorus room, M171.

Buses and Parking

Buses should drop off at the Field House/Auditorium entrance. There will be plenty of space for festival parking. Music department representatives will direct all district traffic. School is not in session on Friday, so parking/school traffic should not be an issue.

Nurse

There will be NO nurse on site.

Cancellation

In the event of any cancellation, information will be sent to schools via email as well as posted on SEMMEA website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Concert and Tickets

Concerts are scheduled for Saturday, March 17 (Snow Date March 18)

1:00 Concert

Doors Open 12:30pm
Jazz Band
Treble Choir
Mixed Choir

3:30 Concert

Doors Open following 1:00 concert
Orchestra
Concert Band

Pre-concert announcements begin 10 minutes prior to performance time. We recommend you inform guests that they do not need to arrive extremely early and stand in the lobby. There should be plenty of available seating. Taunton High School auditorium has over 900 seats with excellent visibility and acoustics.

Ticket sales will not be limited per student.

Recording

Audio recording of the concert will be available for download on the Southeast District Website www.semmea.org.

Directions

Take Rt. 24 to exit 13B (Rt. 44 Taunton) Turn off the ramp onto Rt. 44 towards Taunton. After approximately 2 miles turn Left on to Hon Gordon M Owen Drive. Take your first left into Taunton High School. There will be signs and students directing you to the student drop-off. The Auditorium/Field House entrance is to the left of Parker Middle School.

Preparation

Students should know the music prior to arrival for the Festival. Percussionists should bring extra sticks, mallets, etc. **All instrumentalists should have a wire stand** (put your name on your stand!), extra reeds, valve oil, strings, rosin, etc. All students should have their music folders and a pencil at every rehearsal. The music **will** be collected at the end of the concert. To ensure that rehearsals begin promptly, students should allow ample time for warm up.

Miscellaneous

- There will be a concession stand in the lobby of the auditorium and field house area, where beverages and snacks will be available for sale during breaks.
- Festival T-shirts will also be sold both days.
- Breaks are provided within the rehearsal framework at the discretion of the conductor.
- **Students should come dressed for the concert on Saturday.**

General MMEA Rules

No student will be allowed to participate unless they have attended **all** rehearsals. Any student who does not participate in the Festival for a non-medical reason will not be allowed to audition for the Festival next year.

Any student found in the possession of drugs or alcohol will be dismissed from the Festival and referred to Taunton Police. Taunton Police will handle any abuse, vandalism, or lack of care to facilities or other individual's property. There is no smoking allowed in any of the buildings by order of the State Fire Marshall - student smoking is not permitted at any time.

Meetings for teachers and directors:

- Friday: 12:30 SEMSBA Executive Board Meeting in available classroom
 2:00 MMEA Executive Board in the Cafeteria
 3:00 MMEA General Membership Meeting in the Cafeteria
 Saturday: 10:00AM-11:30AM SEMSBA General Membership in the cafeteria.

Schedule: Friday March 16, 2018

All: Registration will take place from 8:30AM to 9:00AM in the lobby of the Taunton High School Auditorium. Students go directly to your rehearsal site, and be warmed up and ready to play or sing promptly at 9:00AM. Only directors should be at the registration area. Students will be ushered to their performance area. All instrument cases will stay in the auditorium. Please do not leave any valuables unattended. Taunton Public Schools is not responsible for any items that are lost or stolen.

Friday, March 16

Registration 8:30-9:00

Time	Concert Band	Orchestra	Mixed Choir	Jazz Band	Treble Choir
9:00 – 11:00	Auditorium	Band Room	Upstairs Gym	Parker Band Room	Field House
11:00 – 11:15	Break	Break	Upstairs Gym	Parker Band Room	Field House
11:15 – 12:00	Band Room	Auditorium	Upstairs Gym	Parker Band Room	Field House
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:45 – 1:45	Band Room	Auditorium	Upstairs Gym	Parker Band Room	Field House
1:45 – 2:00	Band Room	Break	Break	Parker Band Room	Field House
2:00 – 4:00	Band Room	Upstairs Gym	Auditorium	Parker Band Room	Field House

Saturday, March 17

Time	Concert Band	Orchestra	Mixed Choir	Jazz Band	Treble Choir
8:30 – 10:30	Band Room	Upstairs Gym	Field House	Parker Band Room	Auditorium
10:30 – 10:45	Band Room	Upstairs Gym	Field House	Break	Break
10:45 – 12:00	Band Room	Upstairs Gym	Field House	Auditorium	<i>THS Presentation Room</i>
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch

1:00 Concert (Jazz Band, Treble Choir, Mixed Choir)

3:30 Concert (Orchestra and Concert Band)