



San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools



San Bernardino County Music Educators Association

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this time to invite your student to participate in the San Bernardino County Music Educator’s Association middle school honor band. Every year, this county organization supported by the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools organizes honor groups for music students at all levels. Some of the most talented musicians representing numerous schools in the county will meet together and rehearse a number of pieces, which they will then perform at the University of Redlands Chapel. This is a great opportunity for all students and an honor for the students selected to participate as well as a great networking opportunity allowing these students to start to get to know students from other schools with whom they will probably participate in numerous other bands.

In order to participate, students need to understand that if they are selected to participate in this band, they must commit themselves to attend **ALL** rehearsals and the performance; **there are no exceptions for sports or other conflicts**. Once it is verified that it would be possible to participate during these weekends, students must sign-up to audition and return a \$7 audition fee per instrument with their application to their music teacher. Students who have signed up will then be placed on a list to be assigned a time for auditions and will be given music to prepare for that audition. **There will be no dinner break during the Friday evening rehearsal. Please eat prior to arrival.**

The auditions will be judged by independent instrument specialists. These are musicians who are professionals on the specific instrument they are judging, and as much as possible have no affiliation with any of the students they are judging. These judges will score each student based on their audition and the highest scoring students will be compiled together to create the honor band. Again, this is a great experience for any interested students. Please review the following dates and return the bottom of this form with the \$7 audition fee (per instrument) to your school music teacher. **Please note percussion options: Drums only, Mallets only, Percussion (both).**

December 3, 2016 - Auditions San Geronio HS

January 20, 2017 - Rehearsal at Mesa View MS 4:30pm-8:00pm

January 28, 2017 - Rehearsal at Mesa View MS 8:00am-12:00pm

February 4, 2017 - Rehearsal at U of R, 12:00pm-2:00pm; Performance at U of R, 7pm

Please cut along the dotted line and return this portion to your band teacher

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Instrument: _____

_____ My child is interested in participating in the San Bernardino County Honor Band and is able to attend ALL rehearsals and performances.

Audition Fee is enclosed: Amount: _____ (\$7 per instrument)

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____