

IMEA – Audition Information

Students auditioning for IMEA:

Congratulations on your choice to audition. I hope you have been working hard on the music, scales and etude. On Saturday, there will be 529 students auditioning from 60+ different schools. From those 529, there will be about 120 selected to participate in the festival band. I hope you have the opportunity to be among this elite group of students.

AUDITION INFORMATION

Here is some information about the audition and the Festival if you make it. The auditions are on Saturday, October 3 at Lundahl Middle School in Crystal Lake (560 Nash Road, Crystal Lake, IL 60014). Please plan in advance what time to leave Lake Zurich so that you arrive punctually. The warm up area is the gymnasium, so please make your way there when you arrive. There may be a few music stands in the cafe, but it is probably best to take one along if you plan to do any practicing beforehand. There is a \$7 fee to audition that should be paid to me ahead of time.

Plan to arrive about 20-30 minutes before your scheduled audition time since there is a possibility of auditioning early if the judge can fit you in. Don't forget your instrument and music as the judge will not provide the music. You will be asked to play the scale sheets, and the etude in the first assigned room, and then selections from the pieces in the second room. You will not be playing the entire piece but be prepared to play anything on the page. Practice time is very important on this music if you want to be successful. Results of the auditions should arrive at LZMSN by October 6th or 7th.

You should dress nicely but not in black and white. No jeans or t-shirts for the auditions and no shirts with school logos or names on them.

There will be several rehearsals before the audition. We will be running through all parts of the audition and I hope you plan to come as often as you can. Past experience shows that those who attend these rehearsals play better at their auditions and are more likely to be selected for the Festival. Rehearsals are on the following days – 9/25, 9/28, and 9/29. Every student should plan to attend at least one of the rehearsals to play the music for me ahead of time.

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

If you are selected to perform in the Festival, it will take place on Saturday November 7th at Main West High School in Des Plaines. You should plan on rehearsing from about 8:45 AM until the performance around 2:30?PM. There will be breaks but it is a tiring day – you should take a lunch or some cash to purchase one there. That is the only rehearsal for the Festival. Parents are very welcome at the concert. The groups (Band, Chorus and Orchestra) all sound fantastic, so I'm sure your parents wont want to miss this concert.

Dress for the Festival will be black on bottom and white on top.

Please note that I will not be at the audition on Oct 3. I will be performing in Wisconsin on that weekend. You should plan to connect with Mr. Koehler (band director from MSS) when you arrive at the gym in Crystal Lake. He will help you get tuned and can answer any last minute questions you may have. Good luck to everyone! If you or your parents have questions, please ask or call me at 847-719-3669. E-mail is another quick way to communicate. My address is steve.stenzel@lz95.org.

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