

SDUSD Middle School Honor Band 2018 Audition Materials

Thank you for participating in this year's Honor Band Auditions! It is my pleasure to serve as the Middle School Honor Band Manager this year, and I am excited about this year's experience. Our conductor is Jean Christiansen, Director of Bands at Mira Mesa HS. Both she and I are looking forward to making this an excellent learning and performing experience for our students in the district. Below is important information you need to know about the audition and Honor Band process so **read carefully**, share this with your parents, and make sure you can make **ALL** of the dates below **BEFORE** you commit this process and sign-up for an audition time.

Auditions – November 30, 2017: De Portola Middle School

1. The audition date for the 2018 Honor Band is **Thursday November 30th**, at De Portola Middle School.
2. Auditions will run from **5:00pm to 9:00pm**.
3. You may sign-up online to reserve an audition time between **October 16 and November 17**.
4. Auditions will be assigned first-come-first-serve, so sign up early!
5. If you miss the opportunity to reserve a time, you may "walk-in" the night of auditions, but you will not be guaranteed a time.
6. Materials for the audition are attached to this letter. Be sure to bring them to your audition along with your application.

Rehearsal & Performance Dates (Orchestra Winds and Band)

Rehearsals will be located at Lewis Middle School. Please check the dates below with the family calendar **BEFORE** you commit to the audition process. Students should plan to be present at **ALL** rehearsals. One excused absence is allowed due to illness or unavoidable emergencies. To be excused, parents must notify an HB Manager 24 hours in advance of a scheduled rehearsal. More than one (1) excused absence, any unexcused absences, or excessive tardies may result in the removal from honor band.

NOTE: Top 2-3 woodwind, brass, and percussion chair positions will also be selected to perform with the MS Honors Orchestra. (Denoted as 'Orchestra Winds')

Rehearsal times and Dates (all rehearsals are at Lewis MS)

January 11: Reading Rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm (*Orchestra Winds 8:30-9pm*)

January 18: Full rehearsal with guest conductor 5:30-8:30pm(*Orchestra Winds 8:30-9pm*)

January 25: Sectional rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm (*Orchestra Winds 8:30-9:30pm*)

January 31: Full Rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm (*Orchestra Winds 8:30-9pm*)

February 1: Rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm (*Orchestra Winds 8:30-9:30pm*)

February 2: Rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm (*Orchestra Winds 8:30-9pm*)

Dress Rehearsal & Concert at Point Loma Nazarene University

February 3: Dress Rehearsal: 1:00 - 2:30pm

February 3: Orchestra Dress: 3:00 - 4:30pm (3:00-3:30 orchestra winds only)

February 3: Concert: 7pm (6:30 Call Time)

If you have any questions regarding SDUSD Middle School Honor Band, feel free to contact Maureen Blinn at mblinn@sandi.net. Best of luck in your audition preparation!