

Southeastern Massachusetts School Bandmasters Association Senior Festival 2017

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2017 Senior SEMSBA Host Letter & General Information

Welcome

Congratulations on your acceptance to the 2017 SEMSBA band, orchestra or chorus. Your hard work, preparation and commitment has paid off! The Fall River School District is very excited to host the 2017 Senior SEMSBA Music Festival. You will find important information regarding registration, the site location, rehearsal/performance schedule, meals and snacks, concert dress, tickets, and directions in this packet. Students and parents should direct questions about the festival to the music directors at their individual schools. We look forward to you sharing your talents with us on March 24th and 25th.

Registration

Registration will take place in the lobby outside the high school auditorium beginning at 8:15 AM on Friday, March 24th. Directors only should register students; students should report directly to the auditorium to leave coats/instrument cases etc in their ensembles' designated area. Students should then proceed to their rehearsal areas to warm up. Rehearsals start promptly at 9:00 AM. Directors will also need to check-in students at the registration table on Saturday, March 25th.

Meals and Snacks

Lunch on Friday and Saturday will be provided to all participating students, chaperones and festival staff. Directors are asked to let the host know one week prior to the event if students have specific dietary requests/requirements that need to be accommodated (food allergies, etc . . .). The Durfee Music Parents will also be selling snacks and drinks at all rehearsal breaks.

SEMSBA T-Shirts will also be for sale at all breaks for \$15.

Nurse

A nurse will be on duty during the entire festival. **Directors are asked to make any specific medical needs known to the nurse upon registration.** If necessary, student medications may be turned in to the nurse upon arrival.

Student Preparation and Expectations

Students are reminded to be properly prepared on the festival music so that an enjoyable and musically meaningful experience can be had by all. All students should bring their **music, a pencil and foldable music stand**. Percussionists should bring **extra sticks, mallets etc...** Other instrumentalists should have **extra reeds, valve oil, mutes, strings etc.** *Please also read the letters from ensemble managers and conductors to understand their individual expectations.*

Attendance will be taken at all rehearsals and absences will be reviewed by the SEMSBA Executive Board. Any student who does not participate in the festival for non-medical (proof required) reasons is ineligible to audition the following year.

ALL SCHOOL RULES ARE IN EFFECT. Any student found in possession of drugs or alcohol will be dismissed from the festival and referred to the Fall River Police. There is **NO SMOKING** permitted on school grounds. SEMSBA participants must stay in their assigned rehearsal and/or with their performance group throughout the duration of the festival.

Concert Information and Tickets

For the 2017 Senior SEMSBA Festival there will be 2 Concerts held in in the Robert J. Nagle Auditorium. The first will be Jazz Band and Chorus starting Saturday promptly at 1:00 PM and the second will be the Orchestra and Concert Band starting promptly at 2:30 PM. Doors will open at 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM. There is no reserved seating. Tickets are \$8.00 and will be on sale at all breaks on Friday and Saturday. Our auditorium has 1000 seats, which will accommodate the expected size of the SEMSBA audience. Students will be limited to TWO tickets each on Friday. However remaining tickets will be on sale Saturday on a first come, first served basis. Only tickets that have been paid for may be left in an envelope at the door. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Checks for concert tickets should be made out to SEMSBA.

Concert Dress

All black, Long-sleeved, collared black dress shirt with black tie - or - black blouse/top, black dress pants and black shoes with black socks. No skirts.

Recording

The concerts will be professionally recorded and published to the SEMSBA webpage for participants and their friends and families to listen and download. Check the website or ask your music directors for an update as to when to expect it to be posted.

Directions and Parking

If GPS is used please use **360 Ray Street** to enter the Auditorium Parking Lot. The school address will be difficult to get buses and visitors to the right location for parking and drop off. Buses will be parked in the upper back section of the auditorium parking lot.

East or West

From Rt. 195

Take Exit 8B onto Rt 24N to Boston
Take Exit 5 towards President Ave/US-6/Eastern Ave
Take the 1st exit from Rotary onto President Ave (Rt 6 W)
Take Right onto Ray St
Take Right into Auditorium Parking Lot

North and South

From Rt. 24

Take Exit 5 towards President Ave/US-6/Eastern Ave
Take the 1st exit from Rotary onto President Ave (Rt 6 W)
Take Right onto Ray St
Take Right into Auditorium Parking Lot

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE TO OR FROM THE FESTIVAL.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Registration is in the auditorium lobby from 8:15-8:50. Directors only should be at the registration area. Concert Band, Orchestra and Chorus students should report to their location in the auditorium after registration to leave instrument cases and jackets (There will be three sections one for each ensemble located in the Mezzanine seating area). They will then be directed to their rehearsal space. Jazz Band students should report directly to their rehearsal space. All students should be warmed up and ready to play or sing promptly at 9:00 AM.

Friday, March 24th, 2017

Band

9:00 - **Rehearsal** in Auditorium
10:00 - 10 min Break
10:10 - **Rehearsal** in Auditorium
11-11:30 - Move to Room 35;
set up/Break
11:20 - Lunch in Foyer
11:40 - **Rehearsal** in Room 35
12:50 - 10 min Break
1:00 - **Rehearsal** in Room 35
2:20 - 10 min Break
2:30 - **Rehearsal** in Room 35
4:00 - End Rehearsal

Orchestra

9:00 - **Rehearsal** in Room 35
10:10 - 10 min Break
10:20 - **Rehearsal** in Room 35
**11:00 - Lunch in Foyer (Leave
instruments in Auditorium 1st)**
11:30 - **Rehearsal** in Auditorium
12:30 - 10 Break
12:40 - **Rehearsal** in Auditorium
1:30 - Break and reset in Room 32
1:50 - **Rehearsal** into Room 32
3:00 - 10 min Break
3:10 - **Rehearsal** in Room 32
4:00 - End Rehearsal

Chorus

9:00 - **Rehearsal** in Room 32
10:20 - 10 min Break
10:30 - **Rehearsal** in Room 32
11:40 - Lunch in Foyer
12:00 - **Rehearsal** in Room 32
1:30 - Break and reset in
Auditorium
2:00 - **Rehearsal** in Auditorium
3:00 - 10 min Break
3:10 - **Rehearsal** in Auditorium
4:00 - End Rehearsal

Jazz Band

9:00 - **Rehearsal** in Room 51
10:30 - 10 min Break
10:40 - **Rehearsal** in Room 51
11:40 - Lunch in Foyer
12:00 - **Rehearsal** in Room 51
1:40 - 10 min Break
1:50 - **Rehearsal** in Room 51
2:50 - 10 min Break
3:00 - **Rehearsal** in 51
4:00 - End Rehearsal

- All Break lengths and times are subject to change by the Festival Host, Conductor, and/or Ensemble's Manager.

****Saturday schedule is on the next page***

Saturday, March 25th, 2017

Jazz Band

9:00 - **Rehearsal** in Auditorium
 10:30 - 10 min Break
 10:40 - **Rehearsal** in Auditorium
 11:50 - Lunch
 12:10 - Change into Concert Attire
 12:40 - **Tune/Warm Up**
 1:00 - **Concert**

Chorus

9:00 - **Rehearsal** in Room 51
 10:30 - 10 min Break
 10:40 - **Rehearsal** in Room 51
 11:50 - Lunch
 12:10 - Change into Concert Attire
 12:40 - **Tune/Warm Up**
 1:00 - **Concert**

Orchestra

9:00 - **Rehearsal** in Room 32
 10:15 - 10 min Break
 10:25 - **Rehearsal** in Room 32
 12:50 - Change into Concert Attire
 1:00 - **Lunch**
 2:00 - **Tune/Warm Up**
 2:30 - **Concert**

Band

9:00 - **Rehearsal** in Room 35
 10:45 - 10 min Break
 10:55 - **Rehearsal** in Room 35
 12:50 - **Lunch**
 1:30 - Change into Concert Attire
 2:10 - **Tune/Warm Up**
 2:30 - **Concert**

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