

**Scituate High School
Gates Middle School**

Music Department

606 Chief Justice Cushing Highway
Scituate, MA 02066



**2019 SEMSBA Senior Music Festival
Host Information Letter**

Welcome to Scituate High School/Gates Middle School and the 2019 SEMSBA Senior Music Festival! The staff, students and parents of the Scituate Public Schools are very excited to welcome all participants and chaperones to our school for this festival. This letter should answer any questions that you may have. Please feel free to contact Mr. Thomas, (jthomas@scit.org) with any additional questions or needs that may arise.

Registration

Please arrive at Scituate High School on Friday morning between 8:15am and 8:45am for registration. Enter the school through the Center for the Performing Arts which is located behind Scituate High School. There will be a registration table set up in the lobby. Teachers/chaperones only should wait at the registration table. All teachers/chaperones will need to leave their cell phone number with SEMSBA staff. Students will be led directly to the rehearsal spaces. Instrumentalists should store their cases in the Auditorium. **Rehearsals will begin promptly at 9:00am.** There will be student guides to escort students to the appropriate rooms. All students and chaperones must wear a 'Visitor' tag for the school day on Friday.

Meals & Snacks

Lunch will be provided for all participating students and chaperones on Friday and Saturday. Please contact Mr. Thomas in advance of the festival if there are any special dietary requirements or food allergies or feel free to bring your own lunch which meets your child's dietary needs. Director's lunch will be served in the lobby of the Center for the Performing Arts in the section marked off by a divider. There will be snacks for sale during student rehearsal breaks on Friday and Saturday as well in the small gym.

Nurse

There will be a nurse on duty for the entire festival. Please let the nurse know if there are any health concerns during the festival. The nurse's office is located next to the Main Office on the first floor near the main entrance to Scituate High School.

Concerts & Tickets

There will be **two concerts** on **Saturday, March 23**.

Jazz Ensemble and Chorus will perform in the **1:00 pm** concert. The hall will open at 12:40.

Orchestra and Concert Band will perform in the **2:30 pm** concert. The hall will open at 2:10.

Tickets can be purchased online through the SEMSBA website (www.semsbama.org) or purchased at the door. Tickets are \$8.00 plus a small service fee if purchased online, or \$10.00 at the school. If using a check to pay for tickets at the school, please make it payable to “SEMSBA”. **There are separate tickets for the two concerts.**

Concert Attire

Student performers should adhere to the dress code for Saturday’s performance in concert black. Students should plan to arrive in concert attire on Saturday morning, or they will have a chance to change clothes in the school restrooms. Locker rooms will not be available.

Recording & Pictures

There will be a professional recording of the concert which will be available on the SEMSBA website about three weeks after the concert. Please refrain from flash photography or video recording during the performances, as this can be distracting to the performers.

Student expectations:

Do:

- practice your parts before arriving to the festival on March 22nd
- bring a pencil
- bring a folding music stand (Band, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble)
- bring extra reeds, valve oil, mutes, or other supplies that you may need
- bring your music both days. Music will be collected at the end of the festival
- stay in the assigned areas of the school building (it is a beautiful building, but please don’t wander)
- perform your best and have a great festival!

Don’t:

- bring any items that would break school rules, including illegal substances, weapons, or the like
- miss any of the rehearsal times. Rehearsal time is very short and attendance is mandatory
- drive yourself to the festival. This is against SEMSBA regulations
- do anything that would necessitate us calling your principal or your parents

Saturday SEMSBA Meeting

There will be a SEMSBA general membership meeting on Saturday morning at 10:30am in the SHS Library located on the first floor of Scituate High School.

Directions & Parking: Scituate High School is located at: 606 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Scituate MA, 02066

Parking is EXTREMELY limited on Friday during school hours. There is some overflow parking in the rear of the school behind Scituate High School.

Rehearsal Schedule

FRIDAY	<i>Band</i>	<i>Orchestra</i>	<i>Chorus</i>	<i>Jazz Ensemble</i>
8:15 - 8:45	Registration(Lobby of Center for the Performing Arts)			
9:00 - 10:30	Auditorium	SHS: Room 177	Gates Black Box	Gates Band Room
10:30 - 1:00				
12:30-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH		
1:00-3:00	SHS: Room 177	Auditorium	LUNCH (1:00-1:30)	LUNCH (1:00-1:30)
3:00 - 4:30			Gates Black Box	Gates Band Room

SENIOR SEMSBA FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

General Membership Meeting: 10:30 a.m. - Library

	<i>Band</i>	<i>Orchestra</i>	<i>Chorus</i>	<i>Jazz Ensemble</i>	
8:15 - 8:45	Registration (<i>All Cases/Bags to Small Gym</i>)				
9:00	SHS: Room 177	Gates Band Room	Auditorium	Gates Black Box	
10:00			Gates Black Box	Auditorium	
10:30					
11:00		LUNCH		LUNCH	
11:30		LUNCH		LUNCH	
12:00	LUNCH	Gates Band Room	Gates Black Box	LUNCH	
12:30	Change/Staging for Concert (<i>Band & Orchestra will remain in their rehearsal space during Concert I</i>)				
Concert I 1:00 - 2:00	Jazz Ensemble Chorus				
Concert II 2:30 - 4:00	Orchestra Band				