



Plymouth North High School
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S.E.M.S.B.A. Junior Music Festival 2018
Host Letter

Welcome to Plymouth North High School for the 2018 SEMSBA Junior Music Festival. The staff, students, and parents of the Plymouth 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 Mrs. Holmes, bholmes@plymouth.k12.ma.us, or Mr. Shaw, ashaw@plymouth.k12.ma.us, with any additional questions or needs that may arise.

Registration:

Please arrive at Plymouth North High School on Friday morning between 8:15 and 8:45 for registration. Enter the school through the Performing Arts Center/Gym entrance. There will be a registration table set up in the lobby. Teachers/chaperones only should wait at the registration table. Students should go directly to the rehearsal spaces. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 9am. 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 and snacks:

Lunch will be provided for all participating students and chaperones on Friday and Saturday. Please contact Mrs. Holmes in advance of the festival if there are any special dietary requirements or food allergies. Director's lunch will be served in the staff dining room off of the cafeteria at noon both days. There will be snacks for sale during student rehearsal breaks as well.

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.

Concerts and tickets:

There will be two concerts on Saturday, May 5:

- Treble chorus and mixed chorus will perform in the 1:00 pm concert. Hall will open at 12:40.
- Orchestra and band will perform in the 2:30 pm concert. Hall will open at 2:10.

Tickets can be purchased during rehearsal breaks on Friday, purchased online through the SEMSBA website, or purchased at the door. Tickets are \$8 plus a service fee if purchased online, or \$10 if purchased during the festival. Please make checks for tickets payable to "SEMSBA." There are separate tickets for the two concerts.

Concert attire:

Student performers should adhere to the following dress code for Saturday's performance, unless directed otherwise by the manager and conductor of their ensemble. Students may 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.

Girls: Black blouse or top, and black pants or skirt. Skirts must be below the knee. Black tights or socks, and black shoes. No sneakers or jeans.

Boys: Black shirt, tie optional, and black pants. Black socks and shoes. No sneakers or jeans.

Recording and pictures:

There will be a professional recording of the concert.

We ask that you do not use flash photography during the performances, as this can be distracting to the performers.

Student expectations:

- Do:
- practice your parts before arriving to Plymouth on May 4.
 - band and orchestra students should bring folding music stands labeled with their name and school name.
 - bring a pencil.
 - 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 rules.
- do anything that would necessitate us calling your principal or your parents!

SEMSBA Meetings:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Topic</i>
Friday, May 4, 2018	10:00AM	TBD	SEMSBA Handbook Reading Session
Saturday, May 5, 2018	10:30AM	Cafeteria	SEMSBA General Membership Meeting

Directions and parking:

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Parking will be quite difficult on Friday- ***please do not park in the Center for Active Living (COA) parking lot.***

Visitors are asked to drop students and then park either behind the school (near the stadium) or down the hill in the overflow parking lot on Nook Road. Park in legally marked spaces only.

From the North:

- Rt 3 South to EXIT 5, the LONG POND RD/SOUTH ST exit, toward PLYMOUTH CTR.
- At the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp, turn LEFT onto LONG POND RD/SOUTH ST. Continue to follow SOUTH ST.
- Just before the second traffic light, bear right onto OBERY STREET. The high school entrance is on the left. The address is 41 OBERY STREET.

From the Cape or the South:

- Rt 3 North to EXIT 5, the LONG POND RD/SOUTH ST exit, EXIT 5, toward PLYMOUTH CTR.
- At the end of the exit ramp, turn RIGHT onto SOUTH STREET.
- Take the first right onto OBERY STREET. (This turn is immediately after the exit ramp.) The high school entrance is on the left. The address is 41 OBERY STREET.