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## Junior SEMSBA Music Festival 2025 Host Letter

The Easton Music Department is excited and proud to welcome you to Oliver Ames High School and the 2025 Junior SEMSBA Festival. The Easton community values music as an integral part of the education of the whole child, and we are proud to be a member of SEMSBA, an organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of music education for students here in Southeastern Massachusetts. We are grateful for the opportunity to share our school-system wide love of the performing arts with you and look forward to a memorable experience for all!

This letter contains information vital to the success of the festival. Please read through thoroughly in order to ensure that we all have a safe and enjoyable festival experience. Please feel free to contact Jeff Benson, Music Department Chair for the Easton Public Schools with any questions or concerns you might have. You can reach Mr. Benson at [jbenson@easton.k12.ma.us](mailto:jbenson@easton.k12.ma.us). If you need to get in touch with someone during the festival weekend, please call 508-230-3210 x1675 (Music Department).

### Festival Location

Oliver Ames High School  
100 Lothrop St.  
North Easton, MA 02356

### Registration

Please plan to arrive at OA on Friday, 5/2 between 2:30 and 3:00 PM for registration. Buses should take Lothrop street past the police and fire stations, and take a left in front of the building. Follow the one way road around the tennis courts and there will be a split into a bus drop off lane in front of the Dalrymple Performing Arts Center/Nixon Gymnasium entrance (see route on attached map). Student greeters will be there to guide you in and a registration table will be set up in the atrium. Guides will conduct your students directly to their rehearsal spaces. Concert Band will begin on stage, Orchestra will be in the gymnasium, and the Chorus will be in the Chorus room. Cases can be left on the bleachers in the gym or in the auditorium seats. During the performance, both gymnasiums will be used as staging areas and cases can be left there as well.

### **Meal and Snacks**

Students are responsible for bringing something to eat for dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. There will be snacks for sale during student rehearsal breaks as well.

### **Student Expectations**

Do:

- Practice your parts before arriving to Oliver Ames High School on May 2nd
- 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 at all times
- 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
- Do anything that we would have to report to your principal or your parents

### **Concerts and Tickets**

Audience members should enter the school through the Dalrymple Performing Arts Center/Nixon Gym Entrance (same entrance where students will be dropped off in the mornings). There will be **ONE** concert on Saturday, May 3rd:

**Doors will open at 2:00 and the concert will begin at 2:30.**

Tickets can be purchased during rehearsal breaks on Friday, purchased online through the SEMSBA website, or purchased at the door. Ticket Price is \$12 and can be purchased through the SEMSBA or Brown Paper Ticket websites, or during the festival. Please make checks for tickets payable to "SEMSBA."

### **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.

### **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.

### **SEMSBA General Membership Meeting**

The SEMSBA General Membership Meeting will take place on Saturday, May 3rd at 10:30 AM in the Simmonds Lecture Hall.

## SCHEDULE

3	<b>FRIDAY, MAY 2nd</b>				
4		<i>Band</i>	<i>Chorus</i>	<i>Orchestra</i>	
5	2:30-3:00		<b>Registration (Atrium in Gym Entrance)</b>		
6	3:00-5:15	Stage	Chorus Room	Gym	
7	5:15-6:00	Dinner Break	Dinner Break	Dinner Break	
8	6:00-7:00	Gym	Chorus Room	Stage	
9	7:00-7:15	Break	Break	Break	OLD GYM
10	7:00-8:00	Gym	Chorus Room	Stage	
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12	<b>SATURDAY, MAY 3rd</b>				
13		<i>Band</i>	<i>Chorus</i>	<i>Orchestra</i>	
14	8:30-9:00		<b>Registration (Atrium in Gym Entrance)</b>		
15	9:00-10:30	Gym	Stage	Band Room	
16	10:30-10:45	Break	Break	Break	
17	10:45-12:30	Gym	Stage	Band Room	
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19	12:30-1:30		<b>LUNCH</b>	Cafeteria	
20	1:30-2:15		<b>TIME TO CHANGE/STAGING FOR CONCERT</b>		
21	2:00		<b>DOORS OPEN</b>		
22	2:30-4:00		<b>CONCERT</b>		
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## OAHS CAMPUS/BUS ROUTE MAP

