



SEMSBA

Senior SEMSBA Festival
Sharon High School
181 Pond Street
Sharon, Massachusetts
Friday-Saturday, March 14-15, 2025
(Snow Date is March 16)

Sharon High School and the Sharon Public Schools music staff welcome you to the 2025 Senior SEMSBA Music Festival! In this Host Letter you will find information about rehearsal schedules, tickets, meals, recordings, and more. Please read this letter carefully and in its entirety.

REGISTRATION: Registration will take place on Friday, March 14, **between 8:15 and 8:45** at the registration table inside the front entrance of the school. Students will be directed to their rehearsal rooms and instrument case storage areas by our Tri-M student helpers.

It is imperative that all students are in place at their respective rehearsal location for 9:00 downbeat.

FRIDAY PARKING: Parking will be very limited. Please park in the main lot at the high school. Additional parking can be found on Ames Street. Take a left out of Sharon High School lot, take next right, parking will be on the right by the playground.

SUPERVISION:

A school music teacher or designated adult chaperone must be present throughout the festival weekend up to concert time. ***On Friday we are asking teachers to wear your school ID Badge or receive a guest sticker (driver's license required). The guest sticker can be obtained at the kiosk inside the SHS main entrance.***

MEALS AND SNACKS:

Students are responsible for bringing their own lunch and snacks on Friday and Saturday. Concessions will be available from FAME during breaks and meal times in the main lobby.

NURSE:

A nurse will not be provided specifically for the festival.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CONTINGENCY:

If inclement weather affects the festival schedule, any changes or postponement will be posted on the SEMSBA website: Snow date is March 16.

CONCERTS AND TICKETS:

Tickets will be on sale for \$10 **Friday** during breaks and lunch and **Saturday** before the concerts. Purchase online or at the festival. Cash, credit card, and check are acceptable forms of payment. Checks should be made payable to SEMSBA.

1:00 Concert

Doors will open at 12:30

Jazz Band

Chorus

3:00 Concert

Doors will open at 2:30

Orchestra

Band

A ticket purchase for either concert will be for that concert only and all concertgoers will have to empty the hall before the second concert begins. *We recommend you inform your audience members they do not need to arrive extremely early.*

CONCERT DRESS:

As determined by ensemble managers and conductors, students are to come to the festival in concert dress on Saturday.

CONCERT PARKING:

In addition to parking in the SHS parking lot, an additional lot is located directly across the street. No street parking please. See map below.

CONCERT RECORDING:

The concerts will be recorded and made available for download through a link on the SEMSBA website: semsbama.org

PREPARATIONS:

All students are responsible for preparing their music before arriving at the festival. Percussionists are to bring their own sticks and mallets. Other instrumentalists should have extra reeds, valve oil, strings, and rosin. Place a pencil inside your folder. Music may be collected after the concert. *While we expect to provide most music stands, we ask orchestra and band students to bring a wire music stand.*

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS:

On **Saturday**, the Executive Board will meet at 10:00 followed by a General Membership meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Director's Lounge.

FRIDAY DISMISSAL:

Students should be picked up at Sharon High School at 4:00.

GENERAL RULES:

- Students are to direct any questions to their school music director or festival performing group manager.
- Questions about attire should be directed to the group's manager, whose contact information can be found on the website.
- Students who successfully audition are expected to attend the festival.
- Students must attend all rehearsals for the full rehearsal time and the concert. If not, they jeopardize auditioning next year. The only exception is a medical emergency, accompanied by a doctor's note.
- Students must adequately prepare their festival music.
- Students must be chaperoned by an authorized school staff member or principal-authorized adult with visible school credentials on a lanyard or badge holder.
- No one is allowed to use tobacco, drugs, alcohol, vaping, etc. on the campus of Sharon High School.
- Students may be removed from the festival for poor behavior or violation of any above rules & regulations.
- Any vandalism or lack of care to facilities or other individual's property will result in dismissal from the Festival.



Festival Schedule

	FRIDAY			
	Band	Orchestra	Chorus	Jazz Band
9:00-12:45	Stage	Black Box	Gym	1263
12:45-1:15	LUNCH			
1:15-4:00	Black Box	Stage	Gym	1263
	SATURDAY			
	Band	Orchestra	Mixed Chorus	Jazz Band
9:00	Black Box Theater	Wrestling Room	Stage	1263
9:30				
10:00				
10:30			Gym	Stage
11:00				
11:30				
11:45	LUNCH			
12:30	Black Box Theater	Wrestling Room		
1:00			Concert	Concert
1:30				
2:00				
2:30				
3:00	Concert	Concert		