

September 2018

Dear Outstanding Middle School Music Student,

Congratulations on being selected by your band or choir director to audition for the Western Regional Middle School Music Festival.

Based on your outstanding performance in your ensemble, your director is confident you will do a great job representing yourself and your school at the audition and, if selected, the festival in March. If your audition earns you an invitation to the festival, you will be expected to participate. The Festival will take place on March 15-16, 2019, and will include approximately 250 students from twenty-five area middle schools performing in concert band, chorus and jazz ensemble.

Here are the audition details:

Audition Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018

Time: You will be given a time between 9:00 and 3:00. You can expect to be there for about an hour, or longer if you're signed up for multiple auditions.

Location: Ponus Ridge Middle School, 21 Hunters Ln, Norwalk, CT 06850

Concert Band and Jazz Material: All instrumental students interested in auditioning for the concert band, jazz ensemble, or both groups, will need to perform the following:

- Specific memorized scales*
- An etude written specifically for this audition*
- Sight reading (to be provided at the audition)

**See your director for details on these.*

Choir Material: All choral students interested in auditioning for the Western Region Middle School Chorus will need to perform the following:

- Scale and Arpeggio in the notated pattern
- Sight-singing a four measure passage of music (to be provided at the audition)
- Your vocal part of a prepared choral selection
- **See your director for specific information concerning the audition requirements**

Remember, at this point you are being asked to audition for a spot in the Western Regional Choir, Concert Band and/or Jazz Band. Selection into the group will be based upon your audition. The music educators you will be auditioning for will be listening for correct pitches, rhythms, tone, dynamics, articulations, diction and an overall sense of musicianship. Prepare yourself the best you can, ask your director for help, and have fun!

You will need parent permission in order to audition, so please fill out the attached registration form and return it to your director by October 26, 2018. You will need to include an audition fee with your form (see form for details). The check should be made payable to your school.

If your parents have any questions please have them email akter.cmea@gmail.com or RThornton@trumbullps.org

Good Luck, and do your best!

Sincerely,

Mr. Akter, New Fairfield Public Schools, and Mr. Thornton, Trumbull Public Schools
Western Region Co-Directors

Western Region Middle School Student Audition Registration Form

In order to reserve your audition time, please complete and return the following form along with a check for \$20 (or \$40 if signing up for multiple auditions), **payable to your school** by **Friday, October 26** to your director.

Students auditioning for either of these three performing groups must be currently participating in their school concert band and/or jazz ensemble, or choir. Travel to and from the audition is the responsibility of the parent or guardian, who is also expected to remain on site for the duration of the audition process.

(Please Print Clearly)

Student Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Parent Cell Phone:** _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent email: _____

Concert Band Instrument: _____

AND/OR

Jazz Ensemble instrument: _____

AND/OR

Vocal Part: **Soprano** **Alto** **Tenor** **Bass**

School: _____

Auditioning For (circle one or multiple): **Concert Band** **Jazz Ensemble** **Choir**

We understand that this audition is for placement in the Western Region Music Festival. Selection will be based upon audition results. **If selected, participation in the festival is expected.**

(Parent Signature)

(Student Signature)