

April 9th, 2021

Dear Outstanding Middle School Music Student,

Congratulations on completing your audition for the Western Regional Middle School Music Festival. Your director should have your scores, please review them and be sure to read the comments which should provide feedback and suggestions for how to improve your playing.

If you placed among the top scores in the region, on a normal year you would have the opportunity to perform with your ensemble in the festival. While there will unfortunately be no “in-person” festival this year, all students who placed in an ensemble will be given a certificate which indicates the ensemble. Your director should be able to tell you if your score is above the score needed to “make it” into an ensemble.

While there is no “in-person” festival this year, ALL STUDENTS who auditioned are invited to participate in a “Virtual Festival Masterclass” for any ensemble you auditioned for, REGARDLESS OF SCORE. We hope you will attend as a representative of your school!

The virtual events will take place on Friday, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st, 2021, and will include students from the region’s middle schools who auditioned for western region concert band, chorus and jazz ensemble.

Here are the details:

Concert Band: Musician *Joseph D’Aleo* of the U.S. Coast Guard band will be giving the presentation for students who auditioned for band. It will include a virtual masterclass and Q&A session. ***Friday, April 30th from 4pm to 5:30pm.***

Chorus: NYC-based a cappella group *Backtrack Vocals* will present a virtual masterclass and Q&A session to students who auditioned for chorus. Saturday, May 1st from 10am-11:30am.

Jazz Band: Jazz musician *Julius Tolentino* will be presenting to students who auditioned for jazz. It will include a virtual masterclass and Q&A session. Saturday, May 1st from 2pm to 3:30pm

Cost: The cost is \$5.00, check made payable to your school. Please give this to your director as soon as possible if you are planning on attending, along with the registration form.

Location: All of these are virtual! Links will be given to “paid” students by their director prior to the events.

Thank you for auditioning and we hope to see you at one or more of the upcoming virtual festival events. If your parents have any questions please email your school director.

Sincerely,

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

Western Region Middle School Student Virtual Festival Registration Form

In order to reserve your festival link, please complete and return the following form to your director, along with a **check for \$5 payable to your school**, by **Friday, April 23rd**. Students who auditioned for more than one can attend ANY they auditioned for, and **DO NOT** need to pay extra beyond the first \$5 payment.

Virtual links will be emailed to you by your director(s) ahead of the festival.

(Please Print Clearly)

Student Name: _____

Home Address: _____

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

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Student email (for link): _____

Concert Band Instrument: _____

AND/OR

Jazz Ensemble instrument: _____

AND/OR

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

School: _____

Attending Virtual Festival for (circle one or multiple): **Concert Band** **Jazz Ensemble** **Choir**

We understand that this virtual event will be held instead of the typical “in-person” Western Region Music Festival. **If paid and registered, attendance and participation in the virtual festival event is expected!**

(Parent Signature)

(Student Signature)