

THE CENTRAL JERSEY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
THE 2012 CJMEA REGION II CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL
MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY
MARCH 19-21, 2012

Dear Colleague,

The Central Jersey Music Educators Association is proud to present the 16th Annual State Concert Band Festival. This festival will feature performance opportunities at the region level culminating with a state festival featuring the finest groups representing each region at the Gala Honors Concert. A date and location will be confirmed shortly.

As had been the case prior to last year, we will be offering two separate festivals:

Monday and Tuesday evenings will be reserved for "Division I" ensembles who are interested in being considered for the Gala. Ensembles are also invited to perform without being scored, but simply critiqued.

Wednesday evening will be reserved for the second or third band from any schools that will be sending more than one band. This will allow these bands to strive for ratings amongst other bands of their caliber rather than alongside the top bands from other schools. Wednesday night will be known as the "Division II" portion of the festival.

All bands are allotted 25 minutes for their performance. In this time the band will perform two adjudicated pieces. (Bands may also choose to play a warm-up selection, but it is not required.) Three judges, holding both local and national recognition as some of the finest in their field, will adjudicate all three evenings of the festival. Two judges will provide taped comments and evaluation using the National Band Association scoring guidelines while a third judge will offer taped comments with regards to conducting, style, interpretation, etc.

Application fees may be paid by purchase order PROVIDED the check is received WITH the application. If paying by purchase order please be aware that there is an application deadline by which all fees must be received. Plan ahead with your PO and get it in early since some schools take over a month to process it. All fees and applications must be received by **February 17, 2012**. After the 17th there will be a \$25 late fee assessed. Any forms and payments not received by **March 2, 2012** will NOT be accepted, with or without a late fee, and will be returned.

This Concert Band Festival is being provided to foster and promote the growth of the most important aspects of our programs. We hope that you will take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the attached application as soon as possible. Due to space and time considerations, bands will be selected on a first come, first served basis. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

Sincerely,

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MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY MARCH 19-21, 2011 AT 6:00PM

SCHOOL _____

Address _____ NJ _____
street city zip

School Phone _____

DIRECTOR _____

Address _____
street city state zip

Home Phone _____

e-mail _____

MENC# _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name of Band (Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, etc.) _____

Number of musicians _____

Date you would like to apply for:

Division I – Monday, March 19 _____ Tuesday, March 20 _____
(Mark dates by order of preference 1, 2)

Division II – Wednesday, March 21 _____

Director's Endorsement: _____
Signature Date

Principal's Endorsement: _____
Signature Date

Please send application and registration check (made out to CJMEA) for \$200.00 (plus \$150 for each additional ensemble) to: Sue Belly, CJMEA Treasurer
159 Dunbar Ave
Fords, NJ 08863

(Please note, application fees will be returned if we are not able to accommodate your group. They will not be returned if you should cancel your participation for any reason!)