



Cherry Hill Public Schools
All Cherry Hill Middle School
Band & Orchestra
Mrs. Sue Mark, Orchestra
Mr. Jim Mark, Band



December 5, 2008

Any Cherry Hill Middle School student enrolled in the instrumental program is invited to participate in the ACH Middle School Band or Orchestra. All rehearsals will take place this year at Rosa International Middle School on Wednesday nights (EXCEPT February 10th) from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (see dates and times below). The concert will take place on **Wednesday, March 11, 2009** (please note the change from the district calendar), **at CHHS WEST**.

Attached is an application which must be completed and *returned to your band or orchestra director*, with signatures, **NO LATER THAN Friday, January 9th**. Participation in the group will be considered based on teacher recommendation and a rating system that indicates ability level. You must be a member in good standing of your school band or orchestra or you will not be permitted to participate. Your director will sign each application accordingly.

Since the level of music being presented will be more challenging than the average middle school music, we ask that students are at least beyond the half-way point of book two with a comfortable knowledge of scales, complex meters and range of the instrument. Some string players will need to be able to shift positions, but not all will.

Students are required to attend all rehearsals. One unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the group. Since the time spent rehearsing is limited, it is important that all students make the commitment to attend. If you cannot make the commitment, please do not complete and return an application.

Please be sure to bring your instrument, the music, a pencil and a snack/drink to every rehearsal. Breaks will be given throughout the night, so you could also bring homework with you if you'd like. If on the night of a rehearsal there is a problem, please leave a message at 856-616-8787, ext. 121.

Below are the dates of the rehearsals. Please check your calendar and make the commitment to attend every date. For more information, you can check out: www.rosamusicprogram.com/achmsbo

We are looking forward to meeting and working with you all. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Jim Mark at CHHS West (856-663-8006, x. 1340) or Mrs. Sue Mark at Rosa (856-616-8787, x.121).

See you all at the first rehearsal!

REHEARSAL DATES (6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Rosa) for Band and Orchestra:

Wednesday, January 21st
Wednesday, January 28th
Wednesday, February 4th – **BAND ONLY @ H.S. WEST**
****Tuesday, February 10th – BOTH****
Wednesday, February 18th – **ORCHESTRA ONLY @ Rosa**
Wednesday, February 25th
Wednesday, March 4th
****Tuesday, March 10 (DRESS REHEARSAL/DINNER AT WEST)**
Wednesday, March 11 – CONCERT, 7:30 p.m., Report 6:45 p.m

Complete the attached form and return the **APPLICATION ONLY** (keep this page for your records) to your director no later than January 9, 2009.

ALL CHERRY HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND & ORCHESTRA APPLICATION

(please return to your director no later than January 9th)

NAME: _____ INSTRUMENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____ SCHOOL: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ GRADE: _____

PHONE #: _____

PARENT'S NAME (S): _____

EMAIL ADDRESSES:

NUMBERS TO CALL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

List any health concerns we should know about:

Students are expected to be at all rehearsals. If you can not attend all rehearsals you should not commit to this organization. In case of illness, please contact us at 616-8787, ext. 121 the day of the rehearsal. If a student misses more than one rehearsal they may be asked to withdrawal from the group. We cannot properly prepare without all the pieces of the puzzle in place. Communication is the best policy!!! Proper behavior is expected while students are at all rehearsals and performances. Improper behavior may result in dismissal from the group.

CONSENT:

I have read all the information contained in the application packet and agree to participate as outlined. I understand that dismissal from the group could occur if a rehearsal is missed or improper conduct is displayed and is up to the discretion of the director. I agree to provide transportation to and from all rehearsals and the concert. The student named above will practice the music and be prepared for all rehearsals.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

****FOR DIRECTORS ONLY (please complete before returning to Jim or Sue):**

I certify that the student named above is a member in good standing of the instrumental program. He/she meets the criteria for participation in the ACH MS Organization.

Director Initials _____

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