

February 28, 2008

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased that you will be participating in the Poway Unified School District Concert Festival on April 2-3, 2008. This letter contains information you may find helpful in preparing for the festival. If you haven't done so already, **PLEASE** return the **Application** and **Fees** (payable to **SCSBOA** and **PHSMB** for recording and technical fees). In addition to the forms, I will need the **Festival Entry Blank and Performance Adjudication Form** (this is a two sided form) for each group ASAP and a complete **seating chart** for each group performing. Please list the name of the group on the seating chart. ***Please photocopy seating chart and adjudication forms when necessary based on the number of performing ensembles.*** This information should be sent or faxed to:

Poway High School  
Attention Mr. Mike Cook  
15500 Espola Road  
Poway CA 92064  
Fax # 858-679-6879

**ADJUDICATORS** will be:

Wednesday April 2, 2008

Band/Orchestra - Don Jaramillo  
Band/Orchestra - Roger Johnson  
Band/Orchestra - Brad Van Patten  
Sight Reading - John Vorwald

Thursday April 3, 2008

Band/Orchestra – Bob Avzaradel  
Band/Orchestra – Mark Gunderson  
Band/Orchestra - Stan Steele  
Sight Reading – Tom Hrbacek

**CHECK – IN:**

Conductors are to check in at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Green Room. Please ask students to remain on the buses until you verify procedure with the Festival Host. Check-in will include the submission of three scores for each of your performance selections.

**BUSES/PARKING (please read):**

Buses will unload on Titan Way in front of the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Bus pick-up will be in the same area. No buses will be allowed to remain on the Poway High School Campus from the hours of 7:30 am to 2:30 pm. After 2:30 pm buses may park in the parking lots on Titan Way, but not immediately behind the PAC. Parents are encouraged to attend the Festival but unfortunately parking on campus is not permitted before 2:30 pm and parking at the PAC is limited. Parking is permitted in the surrounding residential areas.

**INSTRUMENTS:**

Storage at the PAC is very limited and the majority of the students should keep their instruments with them at all times. We will, however, provide storage for larger instruments on a limited basis.

Poway High School will furnish the following equipment:

1- Bass Drum	1- Xylophone	1- Concert Bells	1- Chimes
1- Set of 4 Tympani	1- Marimba	1- Vibes (no motor)	

No other equipment or mallets will be loaned. Each school's percussionists should bring whatever else they might need.

**WARM-UP:**

Warm-up will be held in the PAC Rehearsal Room. There will be sufficient chairs and stands in the warm-up area. Please be prepared to enter and exit warm-up at designated times.

**PERFORMANCE:**

Each Ensemble will have 30 minutes on stage. This will include set-up, performance, and exit. Please hold to this time constraint.

**SIGHT READING:**

Sight reading will take place in the band room, N-2. It will be a walk from the PAC to N-2 There will be **NO** sight reading after the dinner break.

**CONCESSIONS:**

Concession will be provided by the Poway High School Music Boosters. Menu is included. Please let us to know if your ensembles will be purchasing food. **PLEASE** e-mail Ms. Sandra Logston the count of students eating at our concession. E-mail is: [slogs@san.rr.com](mailto:slogs@san.rr.com). Subject line: **Festival Concession Count!**

**MEDALS:**

Medals, Cloisonné Pins, and Case Stickers will be sold in the lobby of the PAC. The cost is as follows:

Medals- \$5.00            Cloisonné Pins- \$5.00            Stickers- \$1.00

**RECORDING:**

Fast Forward Audio Productions will be recording the Festival on CD. It is each conductor's responsibility to include payment, as stated in the invitation letter (\$15.00 per ensemble). This will give your students the opportunity to hear themselves in a truly professional setting.

**BEHAVIOR:**

Attached you will find a list of expectations that should be discussed with all students prior to the festival. It is important that every director and students understand that future events could be put in jeopardy if appropriate behavior is not maintained by all.

Please announce to your students that a Showcase featuring the PUSD Orchestras and Wind Ensembles will conclude each day's performances. The Orchestra Showcase will be on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm in the PAC and will feature Wind Ensemble from Westview, and both Chamber and Symphony Orchestras from Rancho Bernardo and Mt Carmel and the Poway Symphony Orchestras. The Wind Ensemble Showcase will be on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm and features the Wind Ensemble from Patriot, Mt. Carmel and Rancho Bernardo as well as Poway Wind Symphony and St. Augustine Symphonic Band.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at (858)-748-0245 x 5255. We're looking forward to an exciting Festival!

Sincerely,

Mike Cook  
Director of Instrumental Music  
Poway High School

Enclosures