

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
MUSIC PROGRAM INFORMATION
2018 PREPAREDNESS ASSESSMENT
FOR BAND, ORCHESTRA & CHOIR

AUDITIONS:

Band, Orchestra, and Choir

In order to participate in the IMSA Music program, all students **must** audition. The audition is designed to determine each student's preparedness for the Band, Orchestra and Choir. Please go to the links below to sign up for an audition time slot.

Band and Orchestra, and Choir students will have two opportunities to **audition**:

- 1) **Saturday, June 16th**, during orientation
Band and Orchestra Audition sign up link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B49ABA82BA2F58-imsa7
Choir Audition sign up link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49aba82ba2f58-20182019>
- 2) **Sunday, July 8th**, during orientation
Band and Orchestra Audition sign up link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B49ABA82BA2F58-imsa8
Choir Audition sign up link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49aba82ba2f58-imsa6>

The audition for Band and Orchestra will consist of a five minute, live audition with Mary Beth McCarthy. The student will prepare two excerpts from a solo or etude of his/her choice. Each excerpt should be from 14-16 measures in length. The two excerpts may be from the same etude or solo piece, or from two different etudes or solo pieces. The first excerpt should be a slow excerpt to showcase tone, and the second excerpt should be a fast excerpt to showcase technique. The second part of the audition may also require scales and sight-reading. Please remember to bring your instrument. Percussionists will need to bring their own sticks and mallets.

The audition for Choir will consist of a two minute, live audition with Emily Sites. The student does not need to have a song prepared. Each student will be asked to sing various vocal warm ups, "My Country Tis of Thee" (music will be provided), and a short sight-reading exercise.

Only about 5% of those students who audition will become members of the top ensembles. It is also possible that a student will display skills below the levels needed to be successful in class. If this occurs, the student and teacher will discuss the options available.

Students will be notified of the decision concerning acceptance into the Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Chamber Strings, String Orchestra, Chamber Choir and Concert Choir when schedules are finalized in August. Upon acceptance, the student may sign up for the prescribed music class. If, due to a serious unforeseen circumstance, a student does not audition, he/she will be placed in the less experienced ensemble.

For further information regarding Instrumental auditions, please contact Mary Beth McCarthy, and for Choral auditions, please contact Emily Sites.

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