

## Jr. High Bands Auditions

Greetings!

Here are the important details for this year's auditions:

- **LOCATION & DATE:** Auditions will take place at Central High School in St. Joseph, MO on November 4, 2023. Auditions begin at 9:00 am and continue until finished.
  
- **REGISTRATION:** Registration will be done through a Google Form linked above this letter.
  
- **AUDITION FEE:** \$11 (per auditioning student) Cash or check only! No school purchase orders will be accepted! You must pay for all students who are registered online including any students who may have canceled after the deadline. Payments should be brought with you to the event. Make checks payable to: **NWMMEA District 1**. If you have to mail the payment, please postmark by October 28. Payment should be sent to:

Jamie Heil  
405 Shadowbrooke Drive  
Kearney, MO 64060

- **SIGNATURE SHEET:** Please have students and parents fill out the "2023 District Concert Band Signature Sheet". Directors should collect these completed sheets from students, scan them and email them to me at [haberman@ksdr1.net](mailto:haberman@ksdr1.net) or bring them to the event and turn them in with payment.
  
- **AUDITION MATERIAL:** To be selected from SET (4) of the Junior High All-District Band Audition Materials. You will find the required audition material on the [NWMMEA website](#). This list coincides with the High School format to make it more user-friendly. Also, please remember that students **MUST** audition on the correct material. A student who has not prepared the proper music will be allowed to sight-read the correct material, but will not be given a refund. No exceptions. Cuts for the material, including scales, will be sent out prior to the audition date.
  
- **AUDITION PROCEDURE:** There will be a sign-up sheet for audition order posted outside each audition room. Students will be asked to put their AUDITION NUMBER (not their name) on the sheet to set the order of auditions. This process is similar to the All-State Band auditions. This will allow students to walk away from the audition room when waiting for their turn to audition. Reminder: students should not speak in their auditions. Any questions should be directed quietly to the room monitor.
  
- **PERCUSSION REMINDERS:** As a reminder, in addition to the other required percussion audition material percussion students will be asked to perform a 30-second buzz roll (p-f-p) and the flam paradiddle (slow-fast-slow) as part of the snare drum

portion of the audition, and perform a single stroke roll on the timpani portion of the audition. Percussionists must audition on all three instruments (snare, mallets, timpani) to be eligible. Students will also need to bring their own snare drum, sticks, and mallets for the audition. A xylophone, 2 timpani, and music stands will be provided in the audition room.

■ JUDGES: We will be contacting some of you via email to serve as judges for these auditions (some of you may have already been contacted)! If you would like to volunteer yourself, please reach out to our VP Elect of Jr. High Bands: Christine Chesney [chesneyc@platteco.k12.mo.us](mailto:chesneyc@platteco.k12.mo.us). If you aren't judging, please be sure to thank these folks for their time and efforts. It takes a village.

■ CLINIC & CONCERT: The Clinic date is December 9, 2023 at Platte County Middle School with the performance in the High School's auditorium that evening. More information on this to follow.

Feel free to contact me directly at any time if you have questions or comments concerning the Junior High School All-District Band!

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