

Dear Choir Director,

We are pleased to announce that the East-West 2022 PMEA District 1 Junior High Choir Festival will be hosted at Bethel Park High School on Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th, 2022. The festival will be hosted by Kelly Wdowiak of St. Edmund's Academy and Jay McDowell of Bethel Park. Check-in for the festival will begin at 8:15 AM and rehearsal will begin promptly at 9:00 AM on Friday, April 29th. The concert is scheduled for 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 30th.

Mr. Shawn Funk will be our guest conductor. Mr. Funk is the Artistic Director of Pittsburgh Youth Chorus and is recently retired from the Fox Chapel School District after 32 years of service in public school music education and 17 years as the district's department chair. Mr. Funk has also held adjunct professorships in music education and piano at Clarion University, Point Park University, and Duquesne University where he currently serves as a part-time faculty member. Directors will have the opportunity to earn Act 48 hours with conductor observation. We are very excited to welcome Mr. Funk as our guest conductor for this festival!

The registration fee per student is \$55.00 and will cover the cost of music which will be handled through Volkweins. There will not be a separate invoice for music.

As it currently stands at the time this letter was written, COVID-19 protocols for the State of Pennsylvania and Bethel Park School District require all students and adults to be masked while indoors regardless of vaccination status. We will be moving forward with the festival with those same protocols and will update you if new information becomes available. If students or adults are unwilling to comply with these protocols, they will not be permitted to participate in the festival.

Included in this email are links to the student application and director's information form. Please print additional student applications (double-sided) as needed. The PMEA District 1 Festival policies located on the back of the student application form should be explained to the students who are applying. It is assumed that the directors, parents, students, and administrators agree to abide by all festival policies in order to be considered for participation. Please also make sure that your applicants are aware of the requirement that students must attend all rehearsals and the concert in order to participate in the festival. On the director's application form, please be sure to include your school email address as we will communicate with you via email in the future.

Items you must include in your application packets:

1. Director Information Form
2. Student Applications (front and back)
3. Copy of your CURRENT PMEA membership card
 - a. PMEA is no longer mailing out membership cards. Members can now print them right from your own record on the PMEA membership website. When you are logged in : Go to My Membership - view my active member - under tasks print membership card.

Please double check to ensure all forms are filled out correctly and in their entirety.

This year we will be accepting scanned copies of applications. All necessary paperwork should be sent to kellywdowiak@stedmunds.net We only ask that you correctly name the file as “districtname_schoolname_pmeaapplications”. This will help us to stay organized when printing applications. You will receive a confirmation email from us letting you know that we have received your application packet.

You may also send via USPS **All applications must be sent via email or postmarked by November 2, 2021.** Please mail to:

Kelly Wdowiak
PMEA JH Chorus Festival
St. Edmund's Academy
5705 Darlington Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Sincerely,

Kelly Wdowiak (kellywdowiak@stedmunds.net)
Jay McDowell (mcdowell.jay@bphawks.org)
Co-Hosts

Student Application Form:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mM_dYFOvWThzuv3_vx-gbhRGXjhLApKC/view?usp=sharing

Director's Information Form:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GIqe9em_RRctZDaRWGRBPWyofPYQVJMj/view?usp=sharing



PMEA District 1 Junior & Senior High Festivals STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Check all that apply:

- Senior High (Grades 10, 11, 12)
 Band Chorus

- Junior High (Grades 7, 8, 9)
 Orchestra Honors Choir (Grades 9-12)

Festival Name

Festival Location & Date

Instrument/Voice Part (Include I or II)

School Name

Student's Name (please print legibly)

Age

Grade

Gender

Student Street Address

Student's City/State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Height (choral only) _____ feet _____ inches School Director's Name _____

Do you study privately? NO YES: Instrument/Voice: _____ How many years? _____

Participation in other PMEA Festivals and school/community music groups?

We, the undersigned (below), have read and agree to abide by all PMEA District 1 policies on the reverse side. The **Parent/Guardian** grants permission for their son or daughter to participate in PMEA District, Region or State events and will not hold PMEA or its members responsible for any unforeseen accident, illness or loss of property during or in transit to/from the above festival. The **School Principal** certifies that the above student is academically eligible to participate in a festival and is of good character. The **Director** certifies that the above student is a member in good standing in the school's performing organization.

Director's Signature and Date

Principal's Signature and Date

Student Applicant's Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature and Date

Director's Evaluation Form (students do not write below)

Ranking on Director's Form: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. _____

Level of Student Achievement (please check)	Superior	Very Good	Good	Fair	Comments
TONE					
TECHNIQUE					
INTONATION					
RHYTHM					
MUSICIANSHIP					
COOPERATION					

Additional Remarks Helpful to Selection Committee:

PMEA DISTRICT 1 FESTIVAL POLICIES

Revised by the PMEA District 1 Executive Board, August 2008

- I. Directors who fail to send a photocopy of their current NAFME/PMEA membership card with the student and director applications forfeit the right to have their students considered for the festival!
- II. Directors are reminded that they are only guaranteed **one** student participant in District festivals (as long as they are currently a PMEA member in good standing, follow the festival regulations, and submit their applications and registration fees within the host's deadlines). No guarantee can be made to the number or ranking of students accepted or parts that are selected. Directors are encouraged to submit many student applications and a **variety** of instrumental/vocal types.
- III. The sponsoring director is **required** to accompany students attending PMEA [elementary and] middle school festival events. In the case of an emergency or other exceptional circumstance, the sponsoring director will contact the District C/I Chair for permission to send a substitute. This substitute must be a PMEA member.
- IV. Students **must** participate in the COMPLETE festival program—all meetings, musical rehearsals, performances, auditions, social activities, meals, etc.—commencing with registration and concluding with the final concert, only allowing for the following exceptions: 1) illness (must have a doctor's excuse), 2) death-in-the-family, 3) pre-approved "once-in-a-lifetime" events for a maximum of four hours, or 4) participants in the Bands of America, Grand National Championship Festival in Indianapolis. The student's parent or director must in person notify the host the moment the student leaves any activity of the festival. Any absence must be excused in advance by the PMEA District President. Students must perform all musical compositions selected for the concert. State and local PMEA policy dictates that, in order for a student to be excused from any part of the festival due to illness, the absence "**must be verified in writing by a physician within five days of the festival.**"
- V. Students **are not** permitted to drive to or from a PMEA SHS Honors, District, Region, All-State or JHS festival.
- VI. Students are advised that absolutely NO SMOKING or ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES will be permitted during the festival. Possession of any contraband substance, smoking in the building or on school grounds, tardiness or unexcused absence from any activity of the music festival, displays of disrespect, uncooperative attitude, **NOT knowing the music**, or any other behavior which may be detrimental to the success of the festival or safety of the students, staff or PMEA members, will be cause for immediate dismissal at any time. Students who are sent home for any disciplinary infraction of a PMEA policy or host school rule will become ineligible to participate in future PMEA festival for the remainder of the school year.
- VII. SENIOR HIGH FESTIVALS: All students will audition for festival seating and/or future festival participation. Failure to audition by any student will result in **immediate expulsion** from the festival!
- VIII. ALL SENIOR HIGH FESTIVALS, JHS BAND and JHS ORCHESTRA: **All directors must be available to serve as judges and/or accompanists for student auditions at all SHS festivals, Honors and JHS Orchestra. Attendance to the Director's Meeting is required.** If director (or a qualified substitute who is a current PMEA member) is absent from auditions at a SHS District event, his/her students will be seated in the chairs which they earned, but they will be ineligible for the subsequent regional festival. In emergency situations, the District President may excuse a director from participating in auditions. Students selected to participate in JHS Orchestra and JHS Band East must be accompanied by their instrumental director/instructor who is a current PMEA member.
- IX. Students who apply for any PMEA festival must provide their own personal medical insurance (e.g. Blue Cross, school plan, or other carrier) and instrument (loss or accidental damage) insurance.
- X. It is illegal to record (audio or video) PMEA-sponsored concerts!
- XI. Wind, brass and percussion players will be selected for District SHS Orchestra on the basis of Honors Band auditions. Additional applications for SHS Orchestra will be considered.
- XII. **A student must participate in his/her own school organization in order to be eligible to participate in District, Honors, Regional, State, All-Eastern and National events** (band for band, chorus for chorus, orchestra for orchestra). The only exception shall be if his/her high school lacks said organization.



PMEA District 1 Junior & Senior High Festivals DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION FORM

*to be returned with Student Applications for
PMEA District 1 Band, Chorus, & Orchestra Festivals*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. High School (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) Honors Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. High School (Grades 7, 8, 9) Chorus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. High School (Grades 10, 11, 12) Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. High School (Grades 7, 8, 9) Band |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. High School (Grades 10, 11, 12) Orchestra | <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. High School (Grades 7, 8, 9) Orchestra |

Director's Name (please print) _____

Director's Signature _____ Today's Date _____

Please bring NAfME/PMEA card! *Students cannot audition without the attendance of their school director who is a current PMEA member.*

School Building _____ School District _____

School Street Address _____

School City/State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

School Phone _____ Extension _____ School Fax _____

School E-Mail _____

Home Street _____

Home City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Home E-Mail _____

Cell Phone _____ PDE Professional ID # _____

What is your principal instrument/voice part? _____

List your students in the order that you recommend they be considered by the Selection Committee:

Name (attach sheet for additional students)	Auditioned at Honors		Section	Part
	Band	Orch		
1. _____	✓ <input type="checkbox"/>	✓ <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
5. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
6. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
7. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
8. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
9. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
10. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
11. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
12. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
13. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
14. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____