

August 29th, 2018

Dear Band Director:

The Burrell School District is pleased to host the 2019 PMEA District 1 Sr. High East Band Festival on Wednesday, January 23rd through Friday, January 25th, 2019. The festival will be held at Burrell High School in Lower Burrell, PA. While a more specific schedule will follow, the festival will begin on Wednesday with check-in at 4:15 PM for auditions, and rehearsal both days will begin at 9:00 AM. The concert will be on Friday the 25th at 7:00 PM in the Burrell High School auditorium.

Our guest conductor will be Mr. Daniel Neuenschwander. Mr. Neuenschwander is currently Director of Bands at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA. As the Director of Bands at Kutztown, he is responsible for leading the Kutztown University, Wind Ensemble, Fall Concert Band, Marching Unit, and the Spring Symphonic Band.

Enclosed with this letter you will find two copies of the student application form and one copy of the director's information form. Please copy these forms as needed. The PMEA festival policies located on the back of the student application should be read to the students applying for the festival. **It is assumed that directors, parents, and administrators agree to abide by all festival policies in order to be considered for participation.** Also, please make sure any students applying have verified their availability for the festival dates. Students must attend ALL rehearsals and the concert in order to participate in the festival. In addition, in order for students to participate, teachers must be members in good standing with PMEA.

Please include a photocopy of your current PMEA/NAfME membership card with your applications. **All applications and paperwork must be postmarked by October 20th, 2018.** Please mail all applications and paperwork to:

**Michael Pagnotta
Burrell High School
1021 Puckety Church Road
Lower Burrell, PA 15068**

On the director's application form, please be sure to include your school email address. All festival communication from this point forward will be done via email. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email or phone. I look forward to seeing you and your students in March!

Sincerely,

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