

## Upper St. Clair School District

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Dear Orchestra Director,

Greetings! I am pleased to share that the 2019 PMEA District 1 Junior High School Orchestra Festival will be hosted by Upper St. Clair School District on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 and Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 in the Upper St. Clair High School Theater. Check-in for the festival will begin at 8:15 am. The director's meeting will start at 9:00 am on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The concert is scheduled for 2:00 in the afternoon on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Upper St. Clair High School.

Our guest conductor is Ms. Melinda Pertu, who teaches string pedagogy, Scottish Fiddling lessons, and directs the Symphony Orchestra at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. It has been my pleasure watching Ms. Pertu work with District One's senior high school students several years ago during our honors festival. I am confident that the experience of learning from her this spring will be a valuable opportunity for our 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade students.

You can read more about her and her program at [www.westminster.edu/profile.cfm?pertumh](http://www.westminster.edu/profile.cfm?pertumh).

Enclosed in this letter are two student application forms and one director's information form. Please copy additional forms (double-sided) as needed. The policies located on the back of the student application should be read and explained to the students who are applying. It is assumed that the directors, parents, students, and administration agree to abide by all festival policies in order to be considered for participation. Please ensure students understand that they are required to attend the festival in its totality if they wish to participate.

On the director's application form, please neatly include your school e-mail address; it is critical for email communication and information prior to the festival.

The deadline for application is November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. **Be sure to send a photocopy of your current PMEA/NAfME membership card with your applications to:**

Sarah Shoemaker  
Boyce Middle School  
1500 Boyce Road  
Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [sshoemaker@uscsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:sshoemaker@uscsd.k12.pa.us). I look forward to seeing you and your students this March!

Sarah Shoemaker  
5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Director  
Upper St. Clair School District  
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# 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*

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



# 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)

PMEA Junior High School District Orchestra Festival  
Festival Name

Upper St. Clair High School, March 22nd-23rd  
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.