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Dear Choral Directors:

As the new choir director at Central Catholic High School, I am happy to keep the Junior High District I Chorus Festival alive for 2019 by bringing it to our school in March 2019. This will be the first PMEA festival ever hosted by Central Catholic, so we are very excited! This year, the festival will serve students and directors from both East and West districts and will run Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9, with the concert on **Saturday, March 9 at 3PM**. Our guest conductor will be Stacey Brett Conner, Director of Choral Activities at Chatham University.

Please complete the enclosed Director's Information Form and submit it along with one Student Application Form per student by **Friday, December 14**. Emailed submissions are preferred, but mailed forms will be accepted as well. All applications will be accepted according to postmark date. Since this is a junior high choir festival, which will likely include some unchanged male voices, please indicate on the application form if a student should be considered for male-soprano or male-alto. For your budgetary planning, the fee for accepted students to participate is \$50/student.

Please be sure to thoroughly check all applications for completion, especially signatures, and send to:

c/o Dr. Michael Mackey
Central Catholic High School
4720 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

-or-

mmackey@centralcatholicchs.com

Do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email with any questions or concerns.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael P. Mackey".

Michael P. Mackey, PhD



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 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"/>	_____	_____



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.