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September 24, 2018

Dear Band Director,

The Cornell School District is pleased to be hosting the 2019 PMEA District 1 West Senior High Band Festival this year from Thursday January 24th – Saturday January 26th in the Cornell High School Auditorium. Auditions will take place on Thursday evening with rehearsals on Friday and Saturday morning with a 3:00pm concert on the 26th.

We are also pleased to welcome this year's guest conductor is Dr. Jonathan Helmick from Slippery Rock University. Dr. Helmick received his Bachelor of Music Education and Masters of Music in Euphonium Performance from the University of Akron as well as obtained his Doctorate of Musical Arts in Conducting from the University of Southern Mississippi. At SRU, Dr. Helmick serves as the director of the "Marching Pride" Marching Band, the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band as well as teaches courses in Instrumental Conducting, Brass Methods, Marching Band Field Charting, Secondary Methods and Applied Euphonium. Prior to his appointment at Slippery Rock University, Dr. Helmick served as the Director of Bands and Low Brass at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, MS where he conducted the JCJC Symphonic Band and directed the "Maroon Typhoon" Marching Band.

Enclosed in this letter you will find two student application forms, one director's information form and a tentative schedule for the days' events. You may copy additional application forms as needed and may also find them at district1.pmea.net. **Be sure to include a current copy of your PMEA membership card with your student applications and a director information form in order for your students to be considered.** Please also be sure to review the festival dates and polices with your students before they apply to avoid any conflicts after selection.

Please send all materials to the address below and feel free to email/call me if you have any questions or concerns. *All application must be postmarked by **Saturday, October 20th** to be considered.*

Cornell School District
c/o William Lamb
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All the best,

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2019 PMEA Senior High District 1 West Band Festival Tentative Schedule

Thursday January 24th

3:30 – 4:30 pm: Arrive at Cornell High School Auditorium/Central Office Entrance
4:30 – 5:00 pm: Dinner and Snacks available for purchase in Cafeteria
4:30 – 5:00 pm: Directors Meeting in CHS Band Room
5:00 – 7:00 pm: **Auditions**
7:00 pm: Depart for Home

Friday January 25th

8:30 – 9:00 am: Arrival/Check-In at Cornell High School Auditorium/Central Office Entrance
9:00 – 9:15 am: Seating & Tuning
9:15 – 11:00 am: Rehearsal & Breaks at Dr. Helmick's discretion
11:00 – 11:15 am: Snack Break
11:15-1:00 pm: Rehearsal & Breaks at Dr. Helmick's discretion
12:00 – 1:00 pm: Director's Luncheon
1:00 – 1:45 pm: Lunch
1:45 – 3:00 pm: Rehearsal & Breaks at Dr. Helmick's discretion
3:00 – 3:15 pm: Snack Break
3:15 – 5:00 pm: Rehearsal & Breaks at Dr. Helmick's discretion
5:00 pm: Depart for Home

Saturday January 26th

8:30 – 9:00 am: Arrival/Check-In at Cornell High School Auditorium/Central Office Entrance
9:00 – 12:00 pm: Rehearsal & Breaks at Dr. Helmick's discretion
12:00 pm: Clear Auditorium of Personal Items / Dress for Concert & Banquet
12:30 – 1:45 pm: Banquet
1:45 – 2:15 pm: On Stage for Photograph/Tuning
3:00 pm: **Concert**