

Central Mississippi Concert Band Festival

Dear Band Director,

I would like to invite you and your students to the Central Mississippi Concert Band Festival to be held at Ridgeland High School on March 22-23, 2018. While the festival is primarily designed for middle school and second high school concert bands, we will accept high school bands of any level. With so many bands attending our festival last year, we have added a second day to the 2018 festival. *I am still working on the logistics; however, I would like to ask that if you want your band to play for the concert ratings/comments ONLY and NOT participate in sight-reading that you plan to come on Friday, March 23.*

The festival will be held in our auditorium which has a large stage, loading dock, and outstanding acoustics. Adjudicators will have elevated seating that will offer excellent aural and visual access to your performance. Our school administration is very excited about this opportunity and look forward with our band students and parents to offering your ensembles an excellent experience.

The entry fee for this event is **\$175 per band** (not per school) and should be submitted with the enclosed entry form. Please make checks payable to **Ridgeland High School Band Boosters**. *No purchase orders, please!* You may use the attached entry form as your invoice. Performance times will be assigned in the order the entry form and payment are received.

Adjudicators will be Mississippi directors who have had successful teaching careers with students of all ages. Taped commentary for the concert performance along with adjudication sheets similar to those used at the State Concert Band Evaluation will be used, with three concert judges and one sight-reading judge. Entrants are required to participate in the Concert portion of the festival, though Sight-Reading will be optional. Participants may also enter for ratings or comments only. Trophies will be awarded for **SUPERIOR** ratings.

We would ask that the registration form be completed and returned with the entry fee by Friday, February 16, 2018. *High school directors, please share this information with your feeder schools.*

If you have any questions, please call my cell phone at (662) 415-1473 or email me at jwallace@madison-schools.com.

Musically Yours,

Jill Wallace
Director of Bands
Ridgeland High School

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Registration Form

(Please complete a separate form for each band - copy as needed)

Name of School / Band: _____

Director(s): _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Estimated Distance from Ridgeland: _____ Number of Band Members: _____

Please check one of the following:

Festival Date: _____ **March 22** _____ **March 23**

Please indicate whether the ensemble will or will not sight-read:

_____ My band **WILL** Sight-Read _____ My band will **NOT** Sight-Read

Please check the appropriate band classification:

_____ 1st year band students (beginners)

_____ 2nd year band students (had beginning band, now in 2nd year)

_____ 3rd year band students (had beginning band and 2nd year, now in 3rd year)

_____ Combined 2nd/3rd year students

_____ 3rd High School Band **High School Classification** _____

_____ 2nd High School Band **High School Classification** _____

_____ 1st High School Band **High School Classification** _____

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 16, 2018

_____ \$175.00 REGISTRATION FEE enclosed
(checks payable to Ridgeland High School Band Boosters)