

SCSBOA Festival 2018

Dear Parents,

February 13th

We are approaching an exciting time of the year with festival fast approaching on *March 15th*. This letter is to inform students and families what festival is and why we do it.

Who? – All Middle Bands and Orchestras in IUSD.

What is it? – Both the wind and the string students are given the unique opportunity to perform in front of professional adjudicators from the local area that have been teaching and performing for many years. They are experts in their fields and will give us valuable feedback regarding our ensembles and how we can improve.

Where? – Depends on the host site, usually at University High School. This year however it will be at Northwood High School for Year Round Schools.

When? – Thursday March 15th 2018 at 6:15pm (Orchestras *please arrive at 5:15pm for tuning and sound check*).

Why? – The golden question. Educators and students benefit from the participation in festival because of many factors, including valuable feedback that is instant, a clinic session from an expert in the field, and a direct effect into the classroom environment through rehearsal techniques, improved listening skills and musical approach. There are many different aspects to the festival experience that are tantamount to the growth and development of your child's continued success in music, and being able to receive feedback from 3 judges is a huge part of that. As a music educator we view it as comparable to state standardized testing as done in all other subject areas.

***String Players Please Note** - There will be an extended double rehearsal with both Plaza Vista and Vista Verde Concert AND Symphonic Orchestras on Wednesday March 14th**

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal Schedule: Orchestras Only

Concert Orchestra 3:00pm- 4:00pm.

-Symphonic Orchestra 4:00-5pm. We have reserved the MPR at Plaza Vista for our special combined rehearsal. We are doing this because we are going to be performing our pieces at festival as one group with both Plaza Vista and Vista Verde Concert Orchestra & Symphonic Orchestra combined. In order to make this rehearsal and year's festival a success we are asking that everyone in Concert and Symphonic orchestra please attend this extra rehearsal. Parents are welcome to stay, however please arrive promptly for child pickup. (*see reverse*)

*** Every student is required to stay until the end of the evening. Festival expected to end at 8:00pm**

Thank you,

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Director of Orchestras

Plaza Vista & Vista Verde Schools