

KMEA
South Central District
Middle School Honor Band
Shawn M. Knopp, Chairman

Dear Directors,

I hope you have had a summer that was relaxing and rejuvenating and are ready to begin the new school year on a great note! This letter is to inform you of the upcoming **South Central District Middle School Honor Band** that will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at Andover Central High School. Our clinician this year is Ms. Lynette Pelischek, band director at Hutchinson Middle School, Hutchinson, Kansas. Lynette will be a wonderful clinician that will provide our students with a valuable experience.

The band selection process will be similar to previous years:

- Each Director May Recommend Up To Eight Students.**
- Only students who are in 7th or 8th Grade will be accepted.**
- Recommendations Are Submitted On-Line via www.sckmea.org**
- Please Include Specific Comments Regarding Each Submission. (*These comments will aid in the selection of students.*)**
- All entries are to be submitted no later than Monday, September 14th.**
- Percussion tapes should be postmarked no later than Monday, September 14th.**

*****LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!*****

The band size is limited to approximately 120 students, so please understand that not every student submitted will be selected. We must strive to have a balanced instrumentation in this band. The final instrumentation and music will be mailed out by Monday, October 2nd. You may also refer to the district website for final instrumentation.

Percussionists will once again need to audition by tape. The audition material is available for you to download and print from the district website. Percussionists may choose to audition on one, two, or all three of the percussion instruments (snare, timpani, and mallets). Please mail your tapes to my address listed below. *Remember, tapes must be postmarked by Monday, September 14th!*

Finally, entry fees are \$10 per student and are due once you are notified of the final instrumentation. The entry fee includes lunch for the students. In addition, ***all directors who have students participating in the honor band must be on site to assist with the middle school honor band or assist with high school auditions. Districts who do not have directors on site to assist and supervise students will be charged \$100.***

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me! I am looking forward a very rewarding day for our students!

Sincerely,

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