

Dear Band Students,

Congratulations! You have been selected as a member of the 2019 All-County Band! Due to your hard work, family's support, and teacher's guidance, you have shown yourself to be one of the finest musicians in Erie County. This year's conductor for the All-County Band is Mrs. Angela Antersol. Mrs. Antersol is currently the Elementary Band Director at Smallwood Elementary in the Amherst Central School District. She is looking forward to working with you to make the rehearsals both productive and fun.

Mrs. Antersol has selected four exciting and varied compositions which are found in your folder: "**Angelic Celebrations**", "**Forever**", "**Arabian Dances**" and "**The Incredibles**". Mrs. Antersol expects you to prepare your part to the best of your ability BEFORE the first rehearsal. Practice your music carefully and ask your teacher for assistance. These pieces can all be found on: **jwpepper.com** – feel free to listen to them prior to the first rehearsal. For "**The Incredibles**" piece and type in Paul Murtha with the title to bring up the correct piece.

You must attend every rehearsal, both at Sweet Home Middle and at Kleinhaus. No excuses will be allowed for any reason. Mark the times and dates on your calendar and do your best to stay healthy. If you miss any rehearsal, you will not be allowed to participate.

Please remember to bring your instrument, music and a pencil to each rehearsal. Percussionists should bring sticks, snare drum, and auxiliary equipment (please contact Paul Biddle if you are not sure what to bring). Bass drum, timpani, and mallet instruments will be provided.

READ ALL ENCLOSED INFORMATION IN YOUR FOLDER CAREFULLY. Ticket orders will be taken at the first rehearsal. See the letter and envelope enclosed. There is also a form for ordering a recording of your concert. Note that these are separate and should not be submitted together. **IMPORTANT NOTICE: At the end of the concert, you must return all of your music in the same envelope in which it arrived. The music is the property of ECMEA unless otherwise marked.**

Concert uniform is as follows: **Boys** - White dress shirt, long tie, dark pants, shoes and socks
Girls - White blouse, dark dress pants or skirt, and dress shoes

- Wear your name badge at all times, except for the concert
- Behavior Policy: Any student whose behavior is deemed inappropriate at the festival will be dismissed from the ensemble by the chairperson.
- Technology Policy: Electronic devices may be used, but must be silent or with headphones. Electronic devices may NOT be used during actual rehearsal time. There will be neither access to Wi-Fi nor access for charging of devices. ECMEA is not responsible for electronic devices.

On behalf of all the music educators in Erie County, we would like to congratulate you once again, and wish you an exciting learning experience with Mrs. Antersol and the 2019 All-County Band.

Sincerely,
Mr. Paul Biddle & Ms. Laura Grybel
2019 ECMEA Elementary Band Chairpersons