

# ECMEA



## *Erie County Music Educators Association*

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Dear Parent:

Congratulations on your child's selection for one of ECMEA's All-County ensembles. With over 4,000 students auditioning, this indicates exceptional musical talent, extraordinary achievement, and a high degree of discipline and commitment. Please read the following regulations regarding your child's participation.

### **REHEARSALS:**

Your child's full participation in all rehearsals is mandatory. If a conflict arises that would interfere with this requirement, your child must choose the activity that is more important to them. Notify your child's teacher immediately if he/she is not able to fulfill this All-County commitment, so that an alternate can be selected.

Students must be in their seat, ready to warm up and tune 15 minutes before the scheduled rehearsal time. Late arrivals will be dismissed from the ensemble. Because rehearsal time is limited, it is ECMEA policy that students may not miss any rehearsal or any part of a rehearsal for any reason including illness. No exceptions will be made. A nurse is on site at the Elementary and Junior High Festivals.

Students will be supervised during rehearsals and after the performance. However, any student whose behavior is deemed inappropriate at the all-county festival will be dismissed from the ensemble by the Chairperson.

Students will be given a name tag which must be worn at all times. This identifies performers and their ensemble for teachers and attendance purposes.

Electronic devices (cell phone, texting, games, etc.) are prohibited during rehearsal time and concerts. If used at other times, devices must be silent or used with headphones. There is no access to Wi-Fi or for charging at festivals.

ECMEA is not responsible for loss or damage to musical instruments or personal property, including electronic devices.

### **CONCERTS – Elementary & Junior High:**

Each festival consists of two separate concerts. Check your child's rehearsal schedule for arrival times. Each concert is about one hour in length and includes two performing ensembles. Audience seating will begin after the dress rehearsal, approximately one hour before the concert. Students must remain under ECMEA supervision for their entire concert. **This means that they are not free to leave or join their parents until after the last ensemble performs.** This is standard concert protocol. We encourage you to also enjoy the entire concert.

### **CONCERTS - Senior High:**

In order to accommodate audience seating, the Senior High performances will follow the schedule below:

1:00 - Doors open      1:30 - Chorus      2:30 - Band      3:30 - Orchestra

### **TICKETS:**

General admission tickets for each ECMEA All-County concert are available one hour prior to each performance at \$6.00 per ticket. (Ticket price is the same for child, adult, senior; 5 and under is free). Only Elementary concerts have advance ticket sales. There is no refund for unused tickets.

**Elementary Festival only** - There is a parking fee charged at the Kleinhans Music Hall parking lot. ECMEA has no control of this fee. There is free parking along nearby streets.

**Souvenir items:** T-shirts etc. and concert recordings will be on sale in the auditorium foyer.

### **PICTURES:**

We will provide an opportunity for you to take pictures at the conclusion of each ensemble's performance. If you wish to use a video camera, we ask that you stand on the side or in the back of the auditorium and not run cords in aisles.

A photograph or video recording may be made by ECMEA for publicity or ECMEA use. To exclude your child from ECMEA photographs or videos, you must notify the ECMEA Office in writing by February 1st.

We want this to be a positive experience for everyone, as well as a learning and inspirational opportunity for the young musician in your family. Please read the additional information in this packet. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.