

# Grand Island Central School District

## Grand Island High School

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Congratulations on being chosen for the 2019 ECMEA North Orchestra. This year Mr. Patrick O'Donnell will be conducting this ensemble. Mr. O'Donnell is one of the orchestra conductors at Amherst Central Schools.

The program he has chosen is as follows:

Themes from Leroy Anderson's Irish Suite, Part 1 Traditional, Arr. Leroy Anderson, adapted by Douglas E. Wagner

Jupiter - Bringer of Jollity (from "The Planets") by Gustav Holst, arr. Vernon Leidig

Cossack Dance (from Mazeppa) by P.I. Tchaikovsky, arr. Sandra Dackow

Into the Storm by Robert W. Smith

Be diligent in preparing your music for the weekend's rehearsals. We also recommend that you find recordings of these pieces and listen to them before the first rehearsal. This will help you learn the pieces and be ready for the first day.

Included in this envelope you will find originals of all of these pieces. These must be returned at the end of the concert on Saturday. Also, there are letters from ECMEA and our host school Grand Island. There is also information about concert tickets, rehearsal times, meals and recordings of the concert. **Please share these letters with your parents**

A pencil is provided in your folder as well as your name tag. Please bring both to the rehearsal. The name tag should be worn at all times during the festival, and the pencil should be on your stand for use in rehearsal.

Cello and String Bass players must bring rock stops or endpin straps. You are not welcome to dig into the wooden floor of the stage. The rehearsal room does not have holes in the floor either. Also, basses bring your own stool.

We are very excited to get the chance to work with all of you. Remember to be on time for rehearsals, come fully prepared, and be respectful of the rule of your own school, Grand Island, and ECMEA. If we all do our part this will be a very exciting and fun weekend, now get to work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Eve Roushey and Mr. Matthew Ells  
Jr. High North Orchestra Chairs