



Dear All-County Band Member,

Congratulations on being selected to perform in the 2019 ECMEA Junior High North All-County Band! This is an outstanding achievement for which you, your parents, and teachers should be proud.

We know that you will take personal pride in being a member of this year's band. You can demonstrate this by:

- 1) Being responsible for learning the selected music and practicing your part with the help of your teacher.
- 2) Reading through all the enclosed information.

Your conductor this year is Mr. Andrew Bodemer. Mr. Bodemer is currently in his nineteenth year of music teaching. During this time, he has been responsible for a variety of bands and ensembles at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. He has been employed at the Clarence Central School District (NY) for the past seventeen years, serving primarily as the band director at Clarence Center Elementary and Sheridan Hill Elementary. We are sure that you will enjoy the exciting and challenging program he has selected.

This year's program includes:

- "Seventeen Come Sunday" from English Folk Song Suite.....Ralph Vaughan Williams
- Havendance..... David Holsinger
- Air for Band..... Frank Erickson
- Music from How to Train Your Dragon..... John Powell, arr. Sean O'Loughlin

Please note the following:

- 1) **Tickets** - Tickets are \$6.00 and will be available to purchase the day of the concert at the door.
- 2) **T-Shirts** - T-Shirts and hoodies are available to purchase at rehearsals.
- 3) **Recordings** - Use the enclosed order form to purchase a recording of the concert.
- 4) **Brass** - **Please make sure you have any mutes the music may call for.**
- 5) **Percussionists** - **You are required to bring your own sticks, mallets, and auxiliary percussion equipment, as per your assigned parts. We also need mallet players to bring a quality set of bells. The host school will only provide bass drum, timpani, and large mallet instruments.**

Concert Dress:

Ladies - White long, 3/4 or short sleeved shirt, black knee length or longer skirt or slacks, black shoes
Gentleman - White long-sleeved shirt, long dark plain tie, black dress pants, and black shoes
No t-shirts, jeans, or sneakers!

Attendance:

Attendance is taken at every rehearsal. Please note ECMEA policy **does not allow for ANY absence or tardiness at ANY rehearsal or performance, for any reason.** There is very little rehearsal time, and in fairness to all the musicians involved, there will be **NO** exceptions. Please do not ask us to bend the rule.

ALL MUSIC must be turned in **IMMEDIATELY** after the concert in the original envelope. All music is the property of ECMEA.

Again, congratulations! We look forward to seeing you **March 15th and 16th** at **Grand Island High School!**

Sincerely,
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Junior High North Band Chairpersons