



10/20/2017

Dear M.U.S.E. Band Parents,

We would like to inform you that your child has been nominated by their teacher to participate in the 2017-2018 M.U.S.E. Honor Band. We hope you will consider being a part of this great opportunity to work with other motivated and talented students. We did have discussions about implementing an audition process but have decided to leave it to the teachers to nominate students. However, there will be certain criteria that students must abide by in order to participate listed below. The schedule for this years Honor Band is posted on our website at [www.museband.com](http://www.museband.com).

We are so excited about this year's Honor Band. We have lots of great music to work on and the teachers cherish this opportunity to work with these talented and motivated students. The only cost to the parents is the T-shirt that we want everyone to have and wear at our events. We will send an order form in a separate email in the next 2 weeks. Otherwise, there is no cost to participate. We feel it is an important element to our overall program.

The M.U.S.E. Honor Band meets about every 4 weeks and rehearsals are either at Bishop O'Dowd High in Oakland or at Moreau High school in Hayward. In addition to our rehearsals we have performance opportunities throughout the year.

Steffen Kuehn is the director of the M.U.S.E Honor band assisted by Jan Klimala. Jenna Brace has also offered her services. If you have any questions pertaining to the honor band you can reach Steffen Kuehn at [trumpop@hotmail.com](mailto:trumpop@hotmail.com) or Bryant Allard, Director of M.U.S.E. at [bryant@museband.com](mailto:bryant@museband.com).

It is important that students who are going to participate must be committed to not only showing up to rehearsals but showing up prepared. Music will be handed out at each rehearsal and students are responsible to work on their parts at home each week, not just 2-3 days before the next rehearsal. We will have a special Practice Journal just for Honor Band Students that needs to be filled out each week with a parent signature. Parents MUST be a part of this process. This is separate to the practice Journal used for weekly lessons. Students must do both!

**Please read through and sign the Parent/Student Contract on next page.** Please return this contract to Steffen Kuehn or Jan Klimala at the first rehearsal. You must turn in this contract in order to participate. If you cannot make the first rehearsal for some reason, please attach this contract and send it to Steffen Kuehn at [trumpop@hotmail.com](mailto:trumpop@hotmail.com)

Sincerely,

Bryant Allard

Director of M.U.S.E.

# Parent/Student Honor Band Contract 2017-2018:

1. Please refer to Rehearsal/Concert Schedule on website:  
**Students must attend:**
  - A. The December 9<sup>th</sup> rehearsal in order to participate in the Girardelli Square performance on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and the Holiday Concert on Dec. 13
  - B. Three out of the Four rehearsals (not including Dec. 9) between Oct. 28 and Feb.3 in order to participate in the Honor Band performance at the Annual Winter Concert on February 11<sup>th</sup>
  - C. Two out of the three rehearsals scheduled between March 3 and April 28 (not including the St. Patricks Day Parade rehearsal) in order to participate in our Honor Band Feature at the annual M.U.S.E. Spring Concert at Moreau High School on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - D. Must attend the March 11<sup>th</sup> rehearsal in order to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in San Francisco on March 17<sup>th</sup>
2. Student must be prepared for each rehearsal. We ask that students practice at least 2-3 days a week on Honor Band Music for a total of 60 minutes a week. Students are required to write their time in in their designated Honor Band Journal and parents must initial their journal each week. Journals need to be presented at each rehearsal.
3. Students must also keep up with their practice for their weekly M.U.S.E. class.
4. Students must follow all directions by Mr. Kuehn, Ms. Klimala, and Ms. Brace during rehearsals and performances. Students need to be on their best behavior.

Both parents and student must agree to these terms in order to participate. Please sign below and make sure you make a copy for yourself.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ agree to the  
Parent Name (Print) Student Name (Print)

terms as described above.

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Parent Signature Date Student Signature Date

Please make a copy for yourself and turn this in to the instructors. We must have this turned in in order for students to participate. Thank you for your support!!