



October 31, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is encouraged to audition for our **ALL-DISTRICT ELEMENTARY HONOR BAND / ORCHESTRA / CHOIR**, which will perform at the **70th ANNUAL STAIRWAY-OF-THE-STARS** concerts in Barnum Hall, on the Santa Monica High School Campus, in March 2019. (See detailed calendar on page 3)

Please fill out the audition form using the following link online:

www.stairwayauditions.com or work with the community liaison at your school site to fill out the online form by Monday, **November 19, 2018**. Parents can also complete the online form on the day of the audition using a provided laptop.

Auditions are only open to 5th grade students and will be held at Webster Elementary School in Malibu on Friday, November 30, 2018 and Grant Elementary School in Santa Monica on Saturday, December 1, 2018. You will need to select a preferred date, time and audition location. Please understand that these will be the only two dates available to audition, so please mark the dates on your calendar.

Your child will have a chance to play for one of the district's music teachers and will receive encouraging remarks and suggestions. Our goal is for the audition process to be an enjoyable experience for your child.

This year's STAIRWAY PROGRAM will be a GALA OCCASION for the community. We hope your child will want to participate.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Whaley

Tom Whaley, Coordinator

Stairway-of-the-Stars/Visual & Performing Arts Program

AUDITION INFORMATION

All-District Elementary Honor Band

PLACE: Webster Elementary School
3602 Winter Canyon, Malibu, CA 90265
DATE: Friday, November 30, 2018
TIME: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

OR

PLACE: Grant Elementary School, Auditorium
2368 Pearl Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405
DATE: Saturday, December 1, 2018
TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PROCEDURES:

Students will audition on a "FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE" basis within their chosen time slot. We recommend that you arrive 15 minutes prior to your time slot and plan to warm up (in the auditorium).

Each student will:

1. Be assigned an audition number at the registration desk.
2. Have a chance to warm up prior to the audition.
3. Be called to an individual room for the audition. Each audition will take about 8 minutes. **Plan on warm-up and waiting time.** Parents will need to wait for their child in the warm-up room.
4. Be excused immediately after the audition.

BAND REQUIREMENTS :

During the individual audition, students will be asked to:

- Play two major scales
- Play a prepared solo.
- Sight-read music provided by the adjudicator

ORCHESTRA REQUIREMENTS :

During the individual audition, students will be asked to:

- Play two major scales
- Play a prepared solo
- Sight-read music provided by the adjudicator

CHOIR REQUIREMENTS:

During the individual audition, students will be asked to:

- Sing vocal warm-ups
- Sing "America" in the key of F or "All the Pretty Little Horses" in f minor
- Sight-read music provided by the adjudicator
- Echo melodic patterns

ACCEPTANCE:

Letters of acceptance will be mailed two weeks after the audition. If accepted, students must:

Attend all rehearsals. Perform with the All District Honor Band.

TRANSPORTATION:

Santa Monica students: It will be the parent's responsibility to provide transportation for their child to all the rehearsals.

Malibu students: Bus transportation will be provided to all rehearsals by the district, and students will be picked up at their school site and transported back to their site after the rehearsal.

For more information about Stairway-of-the Stars or to buy tickets, please click here:

<http://www.smmusd.org/vapa/stairway/index.html>

Honor Ensembles Rehearsal / Performance schedule

CHOIR	ORCHESTRA	BAND
1/30/19 @Lincoln MS 4:15-6:15	1/30/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30	1/30/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30
2/6/19 @Lincoln MS 4:15-6:15	2/6/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30	2/6/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30
2/13/19 @Lincoln MS 4:15-6:15	2/13/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30	2/13/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30
2/20/19 @Lincoln MS 4:15-6:15	2/20/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30	2/20/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30
2/27/19 @Lincoln MS 4:15-6:15	2/27/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30	2/27/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30
3/6/19 @Lincoln MS Guest Conductor 4:15-6:15	3/5/19 @Samohi Guest Conductor 4:20-6:20	3/6/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30
3/13/19 @Lincoln MS 4:15-6:15	3/13/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30	3/13/19 @Samohi Guest Conductor 4:15-6:15
3/18/19 @Samohi Barnum Hall Dress Rehearsal Tentative 10:30-12:30	3/21/19 @Samohi Barnum Hall Dress Rehearsal 3:45-5:45	3/20/19 @Franklin ES 4:30-6:30
3/18/19 @Samohi Barnum Hall Stairway Concert 7:00-9:00 (Arrival 5:30)	3/22/19 @Samohi Barnum Hall Stairway Concert 7:00-9:00 (Arrival 6:00)	3/26/19 @Samohi Barnum Hall Dress Rehearsal 3:45-5:45
		3/27/10 @Samohi Barnum Hall Stairway Concert 7:00-9:00 (Arrival 5:45)