2017 Low Country Region Orchestra Student Information

Dear Students,

On behalf of Charleston County School District and the orchestra faculty, we would like to welcome you to the 2017 Low Country Region Orchestra Festival. We are pleased to have you on our campus and commend you for being selected for membership to this group. We hope you have an enjoyable experience and that you gain many positive memories and musical skills from this weekend.

This year the Low Country Region Orchestra will be held at Wando High School in Mt. Pleasant SC. Auditions will begin on Friday afternoon and rehearsals will happen Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon with the concert at 5:30pm, Saturday November 12th.

The detailed schedule is on a separate document. You may purchase a recording of the concert in the lobby.

Where to Check-In Friday, November 11th

- Please do not arrive at Wando until after 4:00pm. When you arrive, follow the signs on campus and report to the lobby of the Performing Arts Center to check-in. Late registration fees will be collected; $40. Registration is open from 4:30-5:30pm. *You must check-in before 5:30pm*!

Meal on Friday evening:

1. Supper will be available Friday night from McAlister's Deli for $12 per student. Fill out enclosed meal form if you want food!
   DEADLINE to mail your form is October 16th. **You MUST pre-order.**
2. Eat breakfast before you arrive Saturday morning ☺ Lunch will be on your own. A list of local restaurants is enclosed.

Chair Auditions

- Chair auditions will be held on Friday afternoon 4:30pm-6:30-pm. You must audition during this time. Plan accordingly and remember that traffic is an issue in Mt. Pleasant! Auditions on selected passages from the Region Orchestra Concert music will determine the student's chair. Please practice!

Rules for Low Country Region Orchestra

1. Students are to remain in supervised area while on the Wando campus. Students must be chaperoned at all times.
2. No food, drink or gum allowed in any part of the Performing Arts Center. The cafeteria is the ONLY place for food and drink.
3. Students must respect the property of other students, teachers and of the school.
4. Smoking, alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited.
5. Cell phones must be turned OFF during rehearsal. Absolutely no texting is allowed. IF a cell phone is seen or heard it will be taken from the student and returned to the parent at the end of the concert.
6. Excessive and/or inappropriate talking during rehearsals will not be tolerated. Students may be removed from their chair or removed from the Low Country Region Orchestra.

Violation of these rules may result in the student being dismissed from the Low Country Region Orchestra, and the students will be subject to disciplinary action upon return to his/her respective school. In the event that alcohol, drugs, property damage or physical violence are involved, the Sheriff's Department will be notified and the individual will be turned over to a deputy.

Students selected to perform with the Low Country Region Orchestra are required to participate during the entire orchestra weekend. Students who fail to do so will forfeit their opportunity to participate in All-State this year AND will not be allowed to audition for Region/All-State the following year.

Rehearsal Attire

- Plan to wear comfortable clothes for rehearsals. This is a school event; please keep within your school's regulations for appropriate dress.

T-shirts

- Students may purchase a short sleeve T-shirt with Low Country Region Orchestra Artwork.
- The cost is $12. **Return the enclosed order form and payment by October 17th.**
    - No extra shirts will be ordered. Please indicate the correct size on your form. A medium shirt will be ordered if a size is not indicated. Pick up shirts at the Region Orchestra event!

Concert Attire

- Ladies: all black concert dress or black skirt, pants, blouse, black closed-toe dress shoes
- Gentlemen: black dress pants, white collared shirt, tie, dark dress shoes, dark socks. (jacket optional)

Enclosed Forms

1. Friday evening supper form and T-shirt Order Form (DEADLINE October 16th)
2. Directions and map to Wando High School
3. Region Weekend Schedule
4. Music to Practice!

Congratulations for having achieved the high standards of playing which were required for selection into this select group. We hope you will enjoy your stay in Mt. Pleasant and your time at Wando High School!

Sincerely,

Mt. Pleasant Orchestra Teachers:
Bridgette Brooks, Elementary Schools
Derek Deakins, Wando High School
Pamela Heine, Cario Middle School
Leah Jurik, Elementary Schools
Melissa Martin, Moultrie Middle School
Margaret Selby, Laing Middle School
Ryan Silvestri, Wando High School