



St. Mary's County Public Schools

Division of Instruction

Department of Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development

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September 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In an effort to provide an additional experience for all of our high school instrumental students, we have planned the **2015-2016 All-County High School Honor Band**. In order to be considered for the 2015-2016 All-County High School Honor Band, students must perform the "Level 3" prepared piece of music on the St. Mary's County Public Schools 1st Semester Performance Assessment provided by their teacher. Students must also commit to attending each of the rehearsals and the performance listed in the table below. Any student who does not perform the "Level 3" prepared piece of music or does not have a permission slip signed and returned to their teacher by **Tuesday, October 6, 2015** will not be considered for inclusion in this ensemble.

Dates for this event can be found in the table below.

October 26, 2015 (Monday)	Rehearsal - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Sectionals with staff All schools to Chopticon High School
November 2, 2015 (Monday)	Rehearsal - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Sectionals with staff All schools to Chopticon High School
November 9, 2015 (Monday)	Rehearsal - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Sectionals with staff All schools to Chopticon High School
November 18, 2015 (Wednesday)	Rehearsal - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Guest Conductor All schools to Chopticon High School
November 19, 2015 (Thursday)	Rehearsal - 8:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Guest Conductor All schools to Chopticon High School
November 20, 2015 (Friday)	CONCERT - Call 6:00 p.m., Performance 7:00 p.m. Chopticon High School

Attendance Policy: A student may miss ONE All-County event rehearsal only if they have a lawfully excused absence from school the day of the rehearsal. The absence MUST be able to be confirmed by the school. However, a student is not permitted to miss the last evening rehearsal (November 19) or the all-day rehearsal (November 20) regardless of whether or not they have a lawfully excused absence from school that day. Students who miss rehearsal and do not have a lawfully excused absence, where acceptable as outlined above, are not permitted to continue participating in the All-County event. It is the responsibility of the teacher to take attendance at each rehearsal and inform students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) of their ability to participate in the event an absence should occur. It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to contact their student's teacher in the event of an absence.

Transportation will be provided from each student's home school to the rehearsal site. It is expected that all students ride the bus to and from all rehearsals. However, if for some reason you would like to pick your child up from the rehearsal site, please complete the *Parent/Guardian Transportation Request Form*. By signing the attached permission form you are committing your child to the above dates and times. *Please be prompt in picking your students up from their home school at the conclusion of each evening rehearsal.*

Dress for the concert: High school concert dress uniform. Please note that all shirts must be tucked into pants or skirts. Skirts should be knee-length. Shoes should be black.

For the November 19 rehearsal each student will need to bring a bag lunch and a drink in a non-glass container. Please have your child bring his/her honor music and pencil to **all rehearsals**.

Please follow us at @SMCPS_FineArts on Twitter for the most up to date information regarding fall All County Honor Ensembles. If you have any questions, please feel free to call your child's band teacher.

Sincerely,

Laurel P. Dietz
Supervisor of Instruction for Fine Arts

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Attachment



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PARENT/GUARDIAN TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FORM

As the parent/guardian of _____ who attends _____ Middle/High School, I am requesting permission to transport my son/daughter by private vehicle from the county sponsored music rehearsal described below. I accept full responsibility for his/her transportation. I understand that if I have approval to pick up my son/daughter but am late arriving at the rehearsal site my son/daughter will be required to ride the bus back to their home school.

Today's Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Transporting Musician: _____

Date(s) of Music Rehearsal(s): _____

Chorus/Band/Orchestra: _____

Location of Rehearsal: _____

Reason for my Request: _____

By signing this form I verify the accuracy of the information above and that I agree to provide supporting documentation if requested.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature/Date: _____

Director's Signature/Date: _____

*APPROVED

*DENIED

Principal/Principal Designee's Signature/Date: _____

- NOTE:**
- 1. THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE REHEARSAL.**
 - 2. DIRECTORS CANNOT RELEASE STUDENTS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE.**

Routing Prior to Trip: Director - Principal or Designee - Director

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**ALL-COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND
PERMISSION FORM**

Please return the permission form to your child's band teacher by Wed, Oct. 13, 2015

Leonardtown High School

I give my child, _____, permission to audition for and attend the **2015-2016 All-County High School Honor Band** rehearsals on **October 26, November 2, 9, and 18, at Chopticon High School and the all-day rehearsal on November 19, and the concert on Friday, November 20, 2015, at Chopticon High School.** I understand that in order to be considered for the ensemble my child must perform the "Level 3" prepared piece of music from the SMCPS 1st Semester Performance Assessment provided by their teacher. I also understand the attendance policy as stated in the attached letter, that my child is expected to ride the bus to and from all rehearsals, and that I must provide transportation to the evening concert. Finally, I understand that if I would like to pick my child up from the rehearsal site and not their home school, I must complete the *Parent/Guardian Transportation Request Form* and return it to my child's music teacher no less than 48 hours in advance of the rehearsal.

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Date

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