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ACTION DUE: January 23, 2014
January 29, 2014
February 7, 2014
February 14, 2014

Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

January 17, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: Secondary School Principals

From: Erick J. Lang, Associate Superintendent

Subject: ACTION: District II Choral and Instrumental Music Festivals

Summary

- The District II Choral and Instrumental Music Festivals will be ongoing during the months of February, March, and April. Please see Attachment for dates, locations, and registration information.
- Ms. Katherine A. Murphy, content specialist, Fine Arts, will send registration forms for the choral music festivals via e-mail to choral teachers by January 17, 2014.
- Mr. Rick S. Penix, coordinator, Fine Arts, will send registration forms via e-mail to instrumental music teachers for all other instrumental music festivals by January 17, 2014, and for the Instrumental Ensemble and Solo Festival by January 30, 2014.

Solo and Ensemble Festival

- Solo and Ensemble Festivals include a cost to students for individual adjudicated performances.
- The cost for an ensemble entry is \$15.00, regardless of the size of the ensemble. The cost for solo participants is \$10.00.
- No otherwise eligible student should be denied the opportunity to participate on the basis of ability to pay, in accordance with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Regulation IQB-RA, *Extracurricular Activities*.

- Choral Music
 - The Choral Ensemble and Solo Festival is open only to students currently in Grades 9–12.
 - A student may participate in a maximum of two events.
- Instrumental Music
 - The Instrumental Ensemble and Solo Festival is open to students currently in Grades 6–12.
 - A student may participate in a maximum of two events per day.

Choral, Band, and Orchestra Festivals

- Students attending festivals will be away from school for a half-day.
- Schools are responsible for transportation.
- The requirement to submit the extended day field trip request has been waived for the District II and State Choral and Instrumental Music Festivals.
- Leave requests for a half-day substitute for your music teacher(s) need to be submitted on MCPS Form 430-94: *Professional Leave*. The form must include the name and five-digit identification number of the music substitute, and include the account code 02.24101.000.03.501081.008450.

Action

- Please share this information with your choral teachers, and ensure that registrations are submitted no later than **January 23, 2014**, for Solo and Ensemble Festival, and **January 29, 2014**, for all other Choral Festivals.
- Please share this information with your band and orchestra teachers, and ensure that registrations are submitted no later than **January 29, 2014**, for all other Instrumental Festivals and by **February 7, 2014**, for the Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- Please send copies of your music teachers' leave forms with your signature of approval requesting half-day substitutes, including the substitutes' names and identification numbers, and the account code number, via the Pony, to Mrs. Barbara A. Smakula, Carver Educational Services Center, Room 256, by **February 14, 2014**.

Questions

- For questions about choral music, contact Ms. Murphy, at 301-279-3250 or via e-mail.
- For questions about instrumental music, contact Mr. Penix, at 301-279-3250 or via e-mail.

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Attachment

Copy to:

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Ms. Adams
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Ms. Dawson
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Approved:


Larry A. Bowers, Chief Operating Officer


Kimberly A. Statham, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Programs

District II Choral and Instrumental Festival Dates, Locations, and Registration

Choral Music Festivals Dates and Locations

February 14, 2014	Vocal Ensemble and Solo Festival	Thomas S. Wootton High School
March 11, 2014	High School Choral Festival	Walt Whitman High School
March 12, 2014	High School Choral Festival	Seneca Valley High School
March 19, 2014	High School Chamber Choir Festival	Fourth Presbyterian Church, Bethesda
April 1, 2014	Middle School Choral Festival	Albert Einstein High School
April 2, 2014	Middle School Choral Festival	Col. Zadok Magruder High School
April 3, 2014	Middle School Choral Festival	Richard Montgomery High School

Choral Music Festivals Registration

January 17, 2014	Vocal Ensemble and Solo Festival	Festival registration forms sent via e-mail to choral teachers
January 17, 2014	Choir Festivals	Festival registration forms sent via e-mail to choral teachers
January 23, 2014	Vocal Ensemble and Solo Festival	Registration deadline
January 29, 2014	Choral Festivals	Registration deadline
January 31, 2014	Vocal Ensemble and Solo Festival	Student performance times sent via e-mail to teachers
February 5, 2014	Choral Festivals	Performance times sent to teachers

Instrumental Music Festivals Dates and Locations

February 28, 2014	Instrumental Ensemble Festival	Thomas S. Wootton High School
March 1, 2014	Instrumental Solo Festival	Thomas S. Wootton High School
March 11, 2014	High School Orchestra Festival	Walter Johnson High School
March 13, 2014	High School Orchestra Festival	Walter Johnson High School
March 18, 2014	High School Band Festival	Walt Whitman High School
March 20, 2014	High School Band Festival	Quince Orchard High School
April 1, 2014	Middle School Orchestra Festival	Northwood High School
April 3, 2014	Middle School Orchestra Festival	TBA
April 8, 2014	Middle School Band Festival	Paint Branch High School
April 10, 2014	Middle School Band Festival	Watkins Mill High School
April 23, 2014	Second Bands Festival	Clarksburg High School

Instrumental Music Festivals Registration

January 17, 2014	Instrumental Festivals	Festival registration forms sent via e-mail to instrumental teachers
January 29, 2014	Instrumental Festivals	Registration deadline
January 30, 2014	Instrumental Ensemble and Solo Festival	Online registration information sent via e-mail to instrumental teachers
February 7, 2014	Instrumental Ensemble and Solo Festival	Registration deadline
February 14, 2014	Instrumental Ensemble and Solo Festival	Student performance times sent via e-mail to instrumental teachers
February 14, 2014	Instrumental Festivals	Performance times sent to teachers

Dates highlighted in bold are action due dates.