

ERMS Music Festival

The Eastern Region Middle School Music Festival is an annual event sponsored by the Connecticut Music Educators Association. Band, Chorus, and Orchestra students from schools throughout Eastern CT will perform auditions on Nov. 5 at Nathan Hale-Ray MS in East Haddam, CT. Based on the auditions, students are then selected to participate in the Festival.

The Festival will be held on March 2 and March 3 at Timothy Edwards MS in South Windsor, CT. Students will rehearse on 3/2 from 4:00-8:30. They will rehearse again on 3/3 in the morning and perform in the afternoon. The snow dates for the festival are 3/9 & 3/10.

I have encouraged your child along with some other members of the 7th & 8th grade band to participate in the Festival this year. In order to audition, students must prepare a solo piece and the chromatic scale. It will take a good deal of practice for the scale and the solo piece to be learned, but I have only selected students who I feel have the necessary skills to audition successfully. This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience music in a much larger setting than is possible in a small community.

The school will pay a small fee per student in order to register students for the audition. All registrations will be handled by Mr. Kelleher and/or Mrs. Dehls. While students are encouraged to register and participate, this is a serious commitment as there are usually around 1,000 students from Eastern CT participating. The deadline for registration is Oct. 8.

Please contact me with any questions,

Sincerely,

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