

Sampson Middle School Band
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Directors,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful time preparing for upcoming concerts. John and I are honored to continue with the chairmanship of the 9-10 and 11-12 District Auditions. Please take the time to read over this information carefully and make sure that you are confident with the 9-10 and 11-12 District audition requirements. Please make sure that each of your students is prepared and has an understanding of the audition process before you bring them to the auditions.

Auditions will be held at **Clinton High School, Saturday, January 7, 2012.** **Registration forms must be completed and fees postmarked by December 7th, 2011. You will find the registration form on the SEDBA website at this [link](#). It is important that you complete the form online and send a check in an envelope with the small form at the bottom of this document.** Directors are to send \$5.00 for each student auditioning. Make checks payable to SEDBA. On the day of auditions, you will receive an envelope with tickets for the number of students you have pre-registered. Students will NOT be allowed to register without a ticket. Please inform all students and parents that ONLY DIRECTORS ARE ALLOWED TO PICK UP THE REGISTRATION ENVELOPES. **The charge for students who are not pre-registered is \$10.00. These fees must be RECEIVED by John or Vevlyn no later than Friday, January 6, 2012. Registration the day of auditions will be \$50.00 per student. You must be a member of SEDBA and MENC in order for your students to audition. Please have your MENC card ready at check-in.**

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. Students in grades 9-10 will sign up for audition slots immediately following registration. Students in grades 11-12 will sign-up for audition slots at approximately 10:30 a.m. The Director's meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and auditions for grades 9-10 will begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. Auditions for 11-12 grade students will be begin immediately following the completion of 9-10 auditions. Please indicate on the registration form the instrument you will be most capable of judging as well as other instruments you would feel comfortable judging. Directors who are not judging will be needed to help monitor rooms. **All** directors are required to judge or monitor for both the 9-10 and 11-12 auditions. We need as many directors judging or monitoring as possible to create an efficient audition process. Please support the students in our district by actively participating in this and all events.

The 9-10 and 11-12 audition requirements are listed on the North Carolina Bandmasters website: <http://www.ncbandmasters.org>. Students will play all scales or rudiments on the required list. The order of scales will be Concert G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db (except for mallets) and the chromatic scale in the required range for grades 9-10. The order of scales for grades 11-12 will be Concert D, G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db (except for mallets) and the chromatic scale in the required range. Major scales will be marked as tongued or slurred and the chromatic is to be slurred except trombone, which will legato tongue. . The District cuts for solos are listed on The SEDBA website: <http://ncbandmasters.org/southeastern>. Students will sight-read material appropriate for their instrument and grade level.

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While on campus, all students are to remain in the warm-up area (gymnasium) or cafeteria. Students are not to wander through the hallways unescorted. **Percussionists are not to set up their snare drum in the warm up area. They are to use practice pads only!** Only students that have registered and are waiting to audition will be allowed in the audition area. Students will be responsible for filling out an information form and presenting it to the monitor at the time of their audition. Students are to be quiet in the audition area. Students exhibiting uncooperative or disruptive behavior will be disqualified and asked to leave the campus. Remind your students that if they leave the campus, they are not to return.

Clinton High School is located at 340 Indian Town Road, Clinton, NC 28328. Please use the Indian Town Road entrance for parking at the new school. We will have good food available for students and directors all day. Results will be posted as they become available. A complete list of results will be e-mailed to all participating directors as soon as it is available.

If you have any questions or need help, please don't hesitate to contact us. John's school number is 910-214-0387. Vevlyn's school number is 910-592-3327. Our e-mail addresses are: vlowe@clinton.k12.nc.us and jlowe@clinton.k12.nc.us. We check email every day.

Sincerely,

Vevlyn Lowe

Complete and return this form with your check for audition fees.

School Name:

Director:

Assistant Director:

Number of students registering

Total amount enclosed