

To: Participating Directors
From: Jeff Beckman, David Hazlett, Laura Boucher, and Sara Johnson
Re: MTSBOA All-Middle Tennessee Band Auditions

The Directors, Students, and Parents of the McGavock High School Band would like to welcome you to the campus of McGavock High School for the MTSBOA All-Middle Tennessee Band Auditions on December 6th and 13th, 2008. We are glad to be hosting these events and are willing to help you in any way possible.

The Senior High auditions will take place on Saturday, December 6th and the Junior High auditions will take place on Saturday, December 13th. Enclosed, please find maps to our campus. The students **must enter the school on the Two Rivers Golf Course side at the Junior High auditions on December 13th** so please note that there is a separate map for each weekend!

We will provide timpani, marimba, xylophone, and orchestra bells. We will not provide a concert snare drum, or any mallets/beaters. Students who plan to audition on the concert grand marimba **must use** yarn or rubber mallets.

The judges meeting for both events will be held in the large conference room at 8:00 AM. This room will also serve as the directors' lounge. All directors serving as monitors should report to the auditorium at this time.

A concession stand will be available to serve your students during the day. Please encourage them to eat at McGavock. THIS IS OUR ONLY SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THIS EVENT!!!!

We have experienced problems with students playing in the hallways as well as with food and trash outside the concession areas. Please instruct your students as to the importance of warming up and eating in designated areas only. Directors will be in the hallways to ensure order.

Please discuss the registration times and audition procedures with your students as well as the process for posting results so they will know what to expect on audition day. We occasionally have parents call and complain because their child was not aware that **on some instruments the students go to two rooms-one for prepared and one for scales and sight reading.** The other popular complaint pertains to the registration start time. **Registration starts at 8:50 AM and ends at noon. Please make your parents and students aware of this.**

Directors and/or student monitors will assist in each audition room. We ask the judges to instruct each monitor as to exactly how you would like the auditions to run.

The audition results will be posted on the MTSBOA website this year. Of course, this does not replace the excitement and enthusiasm of seeing the list posted and buying concessions while waiting. However, this may reduce the number of phone calls and inquiries regarding results. The address is: www.mtsboa.org

PLEASE DUPLICATE THE MAPS AND DISTRIBUTE THEM TO YOUR STUDENTS-ESPECIALLY JUNIOR HIGH MAPS INDICATING ENTRANCE ON THE BACK OF THE BUILDING!!!!!!