



Seven Lakes High School Orchestras

March 1, 2010

Dear Directors;

Welcome to Seven Lakes High School! I am looking forward to having each of you here and I hope you have a pleasant and successful experience while visiting. I have included information that I hope will assist you in your preparation for UIL contest. I have also included an updated performance schedule. If you have any questions, or if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.

Basic Driving Directions:

From I-10

- Take I-10 West toward Katy,
- Exit Hwy 99 (Grand Parkway); go south, under the freeway.
- Exit Fry Road and head west (left).
- Continue past two campuses, past two stop signs.
- You should see Seven Lakes from the second stop sign.
- Continue to the **9th Grade Center** by going straight.
- We will have a student host meet you upon your arrival to help you find your way.

From the Westpark Tollway

- Take the Westpark/Fort Bend Tollway west until past the Grand Parkway.
- SLOW DOWN.
- Get into the right-hand lane and turn right (north) onto Katy-Gaston at the light.
- Drive north until the stop sign; turn left onto Fry Road.
- Continue to the **9th Grade Center**.
- We will have a student host meet you upon your arrival to help you find your way.

The **Contest Schedule** is located at this link (Adobe Acrobat):

<http://www.uilforms.com/regions/23/SCHEDULES/ORCH%20CSR/2009-2010/2010-Orch-CSR-Schedule-Mar9.pdf>

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Student Unload and Bus Parking (CHANGE FROM LAST TIME)

Please arrive 20-25 minutes before your scheduled Warm-Up time. Please ask bus divers to park in front of the Freshman Commons Area. One student assistant will be there to meet you. Directors and other KISD staff should bring their KISD badge and register at the 9th Grade Office. During school hours, ALL parent volunteers and non-KISD supporters (over 18) should check in with the front office to register. Students should stay on the bus until adults have processed through the security checks.

After check-in, the Student Assistant will escort your ensemble to the Freshman Commons, where you will unload and uncase. Signs will be posted where you should uncase. Please use these areas only. Buses may park in the front of Freshman Center across spaces that face Fry Road. They could also park in the faculty lot in back of the school (near Band Hall) in unnumbered spaces (those are near the recycle dumpsters). Please program your bus drivers' number into your cell phone so that you may call them for a speedy pick-up following the contest. You should be picked up at the Freshman Center, where you unloaded.

There are bathrooms and concessions near the Uncasing area for your convenience; however, due to school rules, no food or drink can be brought into the Performance areas (carpeted areas).

Contest Forms

Please ensure you have your updated and signed Form 1; 3 original numbered scores; and at least three copies of your set-up chart. This will expedite the contest and help us to run on time.

**If you can send the set-up charts ahead of time, this would be greatly appreciated.
Our fax number is 281.644.1786 or you can pdf them to my email address.**

Areas to Become Familiar With

Contest Office – Box Office of PAC
Unloading/Unpacking Area – Freshman Commons
Concessions Area – adjacent to Freshman Gym

Warm-Up Room - Orchestra Room
Concert Area – PAC (Stage)
Sight- Reading – Band Hal

Warm-Up Room – Orchestra Room

We will provide the following items in our Warm-Up Room. No risers will be set up. Small groups: there will be additional chairs/stands set up to accommodate the large ensembles.

- McAdams tuner/strobe tuner
- Yamaha upright piano

Stage Arrangements

We will provide the following musical instruments on stage:

- Yamaha concert grand
- Yamaha Timpani w/gauges (5)
- Ludwig Concert Bass Drum (40")
- Musser Xylo (kelon)
- Malletech Orchestra Bells (1)
- Musser Chimes (1)
- Wuhan Gong (30")

All other percussion battery, mallets, and players must be provided by your organization. If you so choose, you may unload your additional larger percussion directly into the loading dock area located at the front of the school. A parent chaperone or director must accompany the percussion at all times. (Map of campus included.)

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Additionally, (8) risers can be provided at short, medium, and high legs. If more risers are needed to accommodate your ensemble, please bring them. Please specify which length you need on your set-up sheet.

Sightreading Equipment <http://www.uil.utexas.edu/music/OrchSRInstr.html>

Our campus will provide the following instruments for Sight-reading:

- Upright Yamaha Piano
- Set of timpani
- Ork Bells

Your campus will need to provide any small percussion like snare and woodblock. We will not provide any beaters or mallets.

Etiquette

Your students will be moving through the contest site very close to other groups performing on stage and in the sight-reading room. Please speak to your students in advance about the importance of etiquette during your visit. We want to ensure that all groups have equal opportunity to demonstrate their abilities with minimum distractions.

Please forward the following guidelines to your organization:

1. Absolutely no food or drink in any rehearsal area. Food and drinks should be consumed in the tiled hallway only.
2. We ask that you have adult chaperones with you to watch your students as you are occupied with check-in and picking up your ratings.

Other Items of Note

- Celli and basses will need their own bass stools and roc-stops for the stage. The Warm-Up and Sightreading Rooms are carpeted.
- Our campus is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please be sure that your students keep an eye on their belongings. If labeled with names or a campus, we will make our best attempt to return "lost" items.
- We will have a concession stand for you and your students' convenience located near the Unloading/Unpacking area. Food and drinks should be consumed in the tiled hallway only.

Items to Return as soon as possible

- Announcers Script (attached)
- Set-Up Chart

Thank you for your attention to these details. I sincerely appreciate all of your help. If your group requires any additional arrangements, please contact me before **Friday, March 5th** so that I may make them.

Sincerely,
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