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If you are auditioning for KMEA All-District Band on Friday, please read the following information carefully. If you are NOT auditioning for KMEA All-District Band on Saturday, you can delete this email.

Dear ECKMEA students:

Congratulations on taking the challenge to audition for the ECKMEA Honor Ensembles! Regardless of the outcome Saturday, the time spent preparing for your audition has helped you grow as a musician! Please take a moment to read the following instructions so that you know what to expect on Saturday.

Audition Location

ECKMEA Live Auditions are held at **Gardner-Edgerton High School**, 425 Waverly Rd, Gardner, KS 66030.

Parking and Entrance

Park in the main parking lot and enter the school through the main doors. Upon entering the building, turn **RIGHT** and head into the **MAIN GYM**. Please note that there are other auditions and events held at Gardner-Edgerton HS on Saturday, so make sure to follow signs for the **BAND / JAZZ** Auditions.

[ECKMEA Live Audition Map](#)

Check-in

GEHS will open for students by 7:30 AM. **You may begin check-in at 7:45 AM.** You must check-in before 9:00 AM. After that point you may not be permitted to audition.

You will check-in for both Band and Jazz auditions in the Main Gym. Check-in is grouped by instrument.

All students **MUST present a photo ID** (School ID or government issued ID) for check-in. You will be given an Audition Badge at check-in and you **MUST** wear that badge **AT ALL TIMES** Saturday. If there is an issue with your registration, name spelling, etc., please visit the **Questions / Issues** table..

Warm-up / Case Storage

Warm-up and case storage will be in the **Auxiliary Gym and MAC**. Follow signs for these locations. You may **ONLY** play instruments in the designated warm-up areas and audition rooms. **DO NOT** play instruments in the hallways or tap sticks / mallets on the floor / walls.

Excerpts / Scales

By 9:00 AM judges will post the required Major Scale and All State Audition Music excerpts outside your audition room and in the Main Gym. Remember that the listed scale is your **WRITTEN** scale.

Audition Flow

- If auditioning for Jazz Band AND Concert Band, complete your Jazz Audition FIRST
- The audition process looks slightly different depending on the instrument(s) you are auditioning on
 - Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, and Trumpet perform in **TWO** rooms

- Room 1 - Chromatic Scale and Sight-Reading
- Room 2 - Major Scale and State Audition Music Excerpt(s)
- You must complete **BOTH** parts of the audition to be scored
- Percussion performs in **THREE** rooms
 - Mallet excerpt(s) and sight-reading
 - Snare excerpt(s) and sight-reading
 - Timpani and Auxiliary excerpt(s)
- Students must complete **ALL THREE** parts of the audition to be scored
- All other band and jazz instruments use **ONE** room where you will perform **ALL** of the selected scale(s) and music excerpt(s)

Audition Order and Expectations

Auditions will begin **between 9:15 and 9:30 AM** depending on your room. Auditions generally proceed in numerical order, **HOWEVER**, you may perform early if you are ready and no one is waiting. It is your responsibility to monitor the progress of auditions. You should report to your audition room 3-5 spots ahead of your assigned number. Once you have performed you are welcome to leave.

The ECKMEA Auditions are "blind" auditions meaning the judges cannot see you. You may **NOT TALK** once you enter the audition room. If you have any questions or issues with your instrument speak with your **Door Monitor BEFORE** entering the audition room.

General Reminders

Be quiet in the hallways and respectful of other students and the facilities at Gardner-Edgerton High School. Hang-out in the warm-up areas, please do not congregate in the hallways as that is distracting to other students and judges.

If you have questions or encounter an issue related to auditions, go to the **Tabulation / Headquarters Room**.

Results and Folders

Audition results will be posted on the ECKMEA website, www.eckmea.org, when complete, usually no later than the Wednesday following auditions. Please understand the process to compile, check, submit, and post our rosters takes time to ensure accuracy.

If selected for one of the ensembles, your directors will receive an email following the official result posting containing links to your virtual folders along with instructions for the honor ensemble rehearsals and concerts.

Final Notes

We want your audition day to go as smoothly as possible. The best way to accomplish this is to make sure you have read and understood the instructions above. If you have questions, please ask your director OR check with your door monitor on Saturday.

Jazz Auditions:

- The following items will be available for the rhythm section auditions
 - Guitar amp (students should bring their own cable)
 - Bass amp (students should bring their own cable)
 - Digital piano
 - Full drum kit (students should bring sticks)
- We will follow the Jazz Band audition instructions on the state site related to playing excerpts with either a metronome count off or the backing track. Students should read over those and make sure they have worked with tracks ahead of time.
- Students will check in for both band and jazz band auditions in the gym when they arrive at GEHS. If they are doing the jazz audition, they need to check in at the separate Jazz Band check in table to confirm they are auditioning.
- If students are auditioning for both concert and jazz band, they need to complete their jazz audition first before going to their concert audition

All the best,

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