

Richlands High School Bands
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2010 VBODA DISTRICT VII CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL

January 18, 2010

Dear Directors,

The VBODA District VII Concert Band Festival will be held on **March 10 & 11, 2010** at **Southwest Virginia Community College in Richlands, VA**. The Concert Festival event will be a two-day event this year. Any scheduling requests must be handled directly with Bruce Miller or Justin Camacho by email or phone.

Attached is the **registration form**, which is to be returned to **Bruce Miller**, by **Friday, February 19, 2010**. The mailing address is: **VBODA District VII Concert Festival, Richlands Middle School, Attn: Bruce Miller, 185 Learning Lane, Richlands, VA 24641**. It is necessary to have your registration form by this time to schedule the event. **If your registration form is not returned by this date there is no guarantee of a performance time.**

The bands will be scheduled according to the music grade level and group size when possible. If you should have any problem with transportation or a major conflict, we will do everything possible to schedule your group as requested. Schedule requests will be made on a first come, first served and first pay basis. Starting performance times for Wednesday will be 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. I will make every effort to have no performance times past 7:00pm. **Please indicate on the registration form if you are in need of a particular performance date or time.**

The non-member fee is **\$102.00** for any director that has not joined MENC. Please note the **registration fee is \$190.00. Please make checks payable to: Richlands High School (and note the check as "VBODA District VII Concert Festival")**. This fee covers all expenses of the festival. This includes: the VBODA school fee, adjudicators' salary, transportation, lodging, sight-reading music, etc. If your school has more than one ensemble performing, the first group's fee is \$190.00 and any other group after that is \$185.00. If the number of registered groups do not meet the number required to cover all expenses, an additional fee MAY be charged. (You will be notified when the schedules are posted online if this is necessary.) **The VMEA fee per student will be included in the registration fee.** It is important that we have an accurate number of students per group. **PLEASE NOTE: YOUR GROUP WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL THE EVENT CHAIR HAS RECEIVED PAYMENT! If a group cancels after registration payment is made, there will not be a refund. Please make sure you send a copy of your MENC card when you mail back your registration and fee.**

We are now in the final year of the current manual cycle of January 2008-December 2010. If you have not paid the manual fee for the current cycle, **YOU MUST PAY A NEW MANUAL FEE TO PARTICIPATE IN CONCERT FESTIVAL**. The fee is a "per school" fee so a school

band and the orchestra may share the cost of the fee. The VBODA Manual fee of \$50.00 must be paid in order for a group to be scheduled. If you are not sure of your group's status check the VBDOA website at: www.vboda.org or contact Cindy Roberts at croberts@wcs.k12.va.us. **If you have not paid the manual fee, checks are to be made payable to VBODA and sent to:** Wayne Powell, Yorktown Middle School, 11201 George Washington Mem. Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692, Phone (757) 898-0360, Fax (757) 898-0412, email: wpowell@nfx.net.

Guidelines for Festival Procedures and Judges can be found in the 2007 Edition of the VMEA/VBODA Administrative Handbook. **It is your responsibility to review these guidelines.** New directors will find this information very helpful.

Adjudicators for this event: The stage judges will be: Gary Fagan of Charlottesville, VA, Bill Svec of Roanoke, VA, and the third stage judge will be determined ASAP. Charlie Heron of Kingsport, TN will be our sight reading judge.

If any bands would like to pre-order pizzas for their bands while attending the event, please contact our band booster co-president, Jennifer Lowe, @ her email address, pigpen1@roadrunner.com. Prices for the pizzas are \$7.00 per pizza which includes 10-14 slices per pizza and you may choose from Pepperoni or Cheese pizzas.

The **schedule of performance times** and final information concerning the festival will be posted on the District VII website at: **www.vboda7.org**. If you need to receive this in the mail please contact Bruce Miller at 276-963-8103. If you should have any questions concerning the event please contact: **Bruce Miller** at 276-963-8103 or Justin Camacho at 276-988-8311. Our email addresses are: bmiller@tazewell.k12.va.us and jcamacho@tazewell.k12.va.us .

Sincerely,

D. Bruce Miller
Richlands High School Director

Justin B. Camacho
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