



# Middle School All-State Band 2008

January 2008

Dear Directors,

Enclosed is the music and information packet regarding the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Middle School All-State Band. We are excited to welcome Dr. Steven Sudduth and Mr. Don Downs to serve as our guest conductors. We are looking forward to a great weekend on February 29 and March 1.

Again this year, we are asking schools to PRE-PAY their registration fees. This has streamlined the registration process. The fee per student will be **\$7 for SDMEA members**, and **\$12 for non-SDMEA members**, and a bill has been enclosed in your packet. Please make checks payable to SDMEA and return them to ReNae by **Feb. 15**. No refunds will be offered for students who are unable to attend.

*For students:*

- ♪ You will need to bring a pencil, your music, any accessories you might need (mutes, etc.).
- ♪ The dress code for the weekend is: casual for rehearsals, dress clothes for the concert. Please, no hats in Riggs HS.
- ♪ Work hard to prepare the music in advance. Ask your directors for help.

*For directors:*

- ♪ If you have not done so already, please check over the roster and report any **spelling errors** and **three-year-all-staters** to Lennie Davis as soon as possible. [lennieowendavis@hotmail.com](mailto:lennieowendavis@hotmail.com)
- ♪ Please note the deadlines on the t-shirt and photo order forms.
- ♪ Visit the Pierre Chamber of Commerce website for information about accommodations and restaurants. <http://www.pierre.org/>
- ♪ **NEW THIS YEAR:** The SDMEA Board voted to charge a \$5 adult admission to the concert. Directors with students participating will be admitted for free. Please inform your parents of the change.

Beginning sometime around the middle of February, Laura Beck will be starting her maternity leave, so please direct your last minute questions to one of the committee members listed below after that time. The information in the packets should answer any questions you might have, but if not, please feel free to contact us. We encourage your input. Our common goal is to see this event continue to grow and improve. See you in Pierre on February 29th.

Sincerely,

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