



Middle School All-State Band 2011

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Dear Directors,

Enclosed is the music for the 13th annual Middle School All-State Band. I am excited to welcome Alan LaFave and Larry Petersen to serve as our guest conductors. I am looking forward to a great event on March 2-3.

Participating schools are expected to **PRE-PAY** their registration fees. The fee per student will be **\$9.00**. A bill has been enclosed in your music packet. Please send **ONE** check payable to **SDMEA** and return the payment to ReNae Jackson by **February 17th**. No refunds will be offered for students who are unable to attend. (You may send one check for both the registration fee and t-shirt orders).

For students:

- ♪ You will need to bring, your music, any accessories you might need (mutes, etc.), and your own sticks and mallets (percussion).
- ♪ The dress code for the weekend is: casual for rehearsals, dress clothes for the concert. Please, no hats in Riggs HS.

For directors:

- ♪ The official schedule is posted at <http://sdmea.net/ms-all-state-band.html>.
- ♪ SDMEA and Northern State University is offering an Instrumental Workshop that you may take for credit. Please take advantage of this opportunity by filling out the registration form found on the website <http://sdmea.net/ms-all-state-band.html>. This years topics include double reed pedagogy, music advocacy, digital recording and conducting and rehearsal observation.
- ♪ **ALL FORMS ARE LOCATED ON THE WEBSITE <http://sdmea.net/ms-all-state-band.html>**. Please print what you need for your students from the web. Be sure to observe the deadlines and directions on each form. The student photo release form should be sent to ReNae Jackson.
- ♪ Please note that only **ONE** check will be accepted per school for t-shirt orders (you may combine your registration fees and t-shirt order money in one check).
- ♪ If you have not done so already, please check over the roster and report any **spelling errors** and **three-year-all-staters** to ReNae Jackson via email as soon as possible.
- ♪ Visit the Pierre Chamber of Commerce website for information about accommodations and restaurants. <http://www.pierre.org>
- ♪ Reminder: there is a \$5.00 admission fee for the concert. Students 18 and under are free.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me. See you in Pierre on March 2nd.

Sincerely,
ReNae Jackson
SDMEA Middle School Band Chair