

The 29th Annual Lutheran Schools Music Festival Guidelines

Friday, February 26, 2010

Faith Lutheran Lutheran Church and School

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PLACE: The Festival will take place in our sanctuary and gym.

Warm-up areas are as follows:

Bands – Multipurpose room (chairs, stands available)

Choirs – Church Music Room (piano available)

Bells – Craft room (tables & padding available for 5 octaves)

Performance areas:

Bells and Choirs – Church Sanctuary

Bands - gym

Registration and Lost & Found – School lobby

Directors, Bus Drivers, Chaperones Lounge – School conference room

Awards and Results- School lobby

Food & Restrooms – Cafeteria

Equipment Storage – in back of the Sanctuary

Emergency or Medical Needs – School Office

PARKING: Buses will park in the parking lot behind the church after unloading at the main School Entrance. Other vehicles may park in the North parking lot. Since school is in session, try to avoid arriving between 7:45-8:00 a.m. and leaving between 3:20-3:45 p.m. During these peak times we have around 200 students that are moving through car line.

LUNCH: Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. You may choose to bring lunches, eat at a nearby restaurant or eat at Faith. Our lunch menu will include:

Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza \$1.50 per slice

Individual Salad \$2.00

Sub sandwich from Publix \$3.50

*Chips, Bakery \$0.75

*Soda, Coffee, Bottled Water \$1.00

* These items will be available from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

AREA: Since school is in session, the school building will be off limits. If you wish for a tour you may check in at the front desk of the school for a visitor's badge. The playgrounds are not to be used during the day. If chaperones need phones or medical emergencies arise, the church and school office staff will be happy to assist you.

REGISTRATION: Please check in upon arrival. Registration will take place in the main School Lobby. Directors will need to leave three copies of each piece of music for the judges at the registration desk. Please be sure that samples are not xeroxed. Judges appreciate having scores numbered for easy referral. Also mark on your scores any changes in parts from the printed material. Directors should also stop at the school lobby after performance to pick up their music samples, certificates and judges sheets before departure.

EXPECTATIONS: Groups should be supervised at all times. Groups are expected to serve as part of the audience except when warming up, performing, or eating lunch. Bands and Bell groups may use music. Choirs should perform from memory. You are expected to provide enough chaperones for your group so that as the director is warming up a group, someone can watch belongings and the rest of the group. Please stress no roaming the grounds with school in session. Stress good manners and cleanliness. It is also important that students remember not to enter or exit the church or gym during any group performance.

PERFORMANCE: All Bell and Choral groups will perform in our sanctuary. We will rotate between Choral and Bell groups so that each school will get to hear a variety of selections. Choirs will perform in the chancel area using the three steps in front of the altar. A piano and music stands are available for conductors and possible instrumentalists. If you need a tape or CD played, please list that on your registration form. Bands may use the base drum, stands, etc. in the gym. Performing groups may sing or play 2-3 pieces of music with a total time of no more than 15 minutes. Plan to use a variety of styles and voicing. Band groups will be allowed an extra 5 minutes for set-up. Enough handbell space is provided for up to 5 octaves. We have tables and padding. Please bring risers, mallets, etc.

JUDGES' EVALUATIONS: Groups will be awarded on the following division ratings: Superior, Excellent, Good, and Honorable Mention. If you would prefer the judges to give comments only, please note that on your registration sheet and we will make sure your group receives a participant certificate. Judges are encouraged to give comments to aid each group in future work. Ratings of the judges will be final. Care will be given to select judges that are knowledgeable in a variety of styles as well as ability levels of students.

SCHEDULES: The first group will perform at 9:30 a.m. Please have your groups follow the practice and performance schedules. If your group runs into delays due to traffic and vehicle problems, we will try to reschedule as best as possible. Please note on your registration form as much leeway as possible for arrival and departure times.

CONTACT: All questions and concerns should be directed to Jack Hibbs at Faith Lutheran School...770-973-8921.

Please complete a registration form and your scoring sheets and email, fax, or mail to Faith.