

Garey High School

Solo and Ensemble Festival 2017

PARENT LETTER

Dear Parents:

- Your son or daughter will be participating in a Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) District Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Your son or daughter's performance time is _____ and the festival will take place at Garey High School.

Perhaps you are aware of most of the facts concerning our music festivals; however, certain facts bear repeating. This district festival is one of the many festivals sponsored by the SCSBOA. Participants in district festivals become eligible to go on to the regional festival if they receive a Superior (I) rating for their performance. In addition, the adjudicator for truly exceptional performances may give a Command Performance Award. Students who receive a Command Performance will be invited to play for the other students at the festival.

Judges, who are specialists in their respective fields, are hired to make constructive comments and criticism using the official adjudication forms. They are selected by the association and have met the standards of this professional organization.

No one is a winner; there is no "first place." Ratings are given, including Superior (I), Excellent (II), Good (III), Fair (IV), and Poor (V). Experienced music educators set the rating standards; however, the rating received is not as important as the learning process that has preceded the performance. Therefore, performers may elect to enter for comments only.

Official medals, cloisonné pins, patches and stickers (authorized by the association), which indicate the rating earned, may be purchased by individuals. They are often worn on uniforms or kept as souvenirs of achievement. The cost of a medal or pin is \$5.00, a patch is \$3.00 and a sticker is \$1.00. Students should bring the appropriate amount of money with them, as pins, medals, and stickers will not be available after the day of the festival except through a special order made by the school's director.

This festival is open to the public; you are cordially invited to share with us the intellectual, aesthetic, and social growth that is gained through musical performance.

