

January 21, 2024

Dear Honor Band Students and Parents,

All of the band directors in San Luis Obispo County would like to congratulate you on an accomplishment well earned! You have been selected to take part in our annual County Honor Band program. Membership however is still contingent on the information provided below. Please read through it carefully and return the completed Membership and Order Form. This is DUE at the FIRST REHEARSAL on **Saturday, January 27, 2024**.

We hope this experience will be enjoyable and memorable.

### Honor Band Membership Fee:

All Honor Band members will be charged a **\$65 participation fee** - due at the first rehearsal. This fee covers the cost of honor band music, various expenses, supplies, paying our guest conductors and their housing and travel expenses. Ticket sales help cover the cost of using the Cal Poly PAC and will be **\$15** per ticket. (Honor Band Student is FREE) The local band directors do not get paid for organizing the event. *Concert Music will be available to download.*

**\*\* Cash and Checks accepted. Checks Preferred. Checks Payable to: SLOCOE \*\***

### Honor Band Rehearsals

As a member of the Junior Honor Band, you will be expected to learn the music as quickly as possible, to attend the scheduled rehearsals and to perform in the concert. All rehearsals are required, however valid excuses such as illness or a family emergency will not preclude you from participating in the concert. Please inform your director or your honor band chair people as soon as possible should one of these excuses prevent you from attending. The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday rehearsals during the week of the concert are MANDATORY to attend. **Any student who, for ANY reason, misses all or part of one of these rehearsals will be removed from the Honor Band and will not perform at the Honor Band concert.**

#### The rehearsals are as follows:

Please note: Times reflect downbeat times. Please arrive **15 minutes ahead** to setup and warm-up. Also note that there were some changes and errors in the original schedule. THIS IS the most **UPDATED** schedule.

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Place</u>                 | <u>Time</u>         |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sat. Jan. 27   | Templeton HS PAC             | 9:00 AM-Noon        |
| You will receive your music at this rehearsal.   |                              |                     |
| Thurs. Feb. 1  | Laguna Middle                | 6:30-8:00 PM        |
| Wed. Feb. 7  | Atascadero Middle School     | 6:30-8:00 PM        |
| Tues. Feb. 13  | Paulding Middle School       | 6:30-8:00 PM        |
| <b>Mon., Feb. 19</b>   | <b>Morro Bay High School</b> | <b>6:00-8:00 PM</b> |
| <b>MANDATORY REHEARSAL! IMPORTANT: NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME!</b>  |                              |                     |
| <b>Tues., Feb. 20</b>  | <b>Cal Poly PAC</b>          | <b>9 AM to 3 PM</b> |
| <b>MANDATORY REHEARSAL! Talk to your band director about transportation to this rehearsal since it is during the school day.</b> |                              |                     |
| <b>Wed., Feb. 21</b>   | <b>Cal Poly PAC</b>          | <b>9 AM to Noon</b> |
| <b>MANDATORY REHEARSAL! Talk to your band director about transportation to this rehearsal since it is during the school day.</b> |                              |                     |

## HONOR BANDS CONCERT (Junior and Senior Honor Bands)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7 PM at the Center for the Performing Arts, Cal Poly

**Ticket cost is \$15 per person.** Tickets will be available on a presale order form (attached), at rehearsals and at the door. Pre-ordered tickets will be handed out to students and parents when purchased. (Honor Band Student is FREE)

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated! We need 2 parent volunteers to help us sell tickets at the door on the concert evening. Your time commitment would be from 5:45 pm until approximately 7:15 pm and you would receive a complimentary ticket to the concert for your service. Please contact Thanh Kirby at [tkbach@gmail.com](mailto:tkbach@gmail.com) if you can assist us in this matter.

\*\* Parents please wait in the PAC Lobby following the concert to pick up your Honor Band Student. \*\*

The Honor Bands Concert is a very special occasion and you are expected to dress appropriately. You represent the finest players in the county.

Attire for the concert is BLACK (or very dark Navy Blue) and White:

BOYS - White collared dress shirt (tucked in) with a tie. If you own a suit or a sport coat you may wear it if you like.

GIRLS - Black dress (no spaghetti straps, no low-cut necklines, no slits above the knees.) OR white dressy blouse or top (no spaghetti straps or low-cut necklines) and a black skirt.

**Skirt or dress must cover your knees when you are seated. Black dress shoes and hose.**

**Flip-Flops are NOT dress shoes.**

### Honor Band Behavior

As the title implies, it is an honor to be part of this group. You represent the county's best, so at all times and at all places during the honor band season we expect that your behavior and actions reflect this thought. This hopefully serves as just a reminder but please know that behavior or actions that are disruptive, disrespectful and un-becoming of an honor band student may also result in your removal from the group.

*Just remember that achievements involving teamwork need 100% effort from ALL of its members. Anything contrary to this, whether it's behavior, attendance or practice efforts will hurt the team.*

Congratulations once again and we'll see you at the rehearsals!

Troy Kutch                      [tkutch@slcusd.org](mailto:tkutch@slcusd.org)                      Junior Honor Band Co-Chairperson

Jake Hammer                      [jakehammer@atasusd.org](mailto:jakehammer@atasusd.org)                      Junior Honor Band Co-Chairperson

**REMEMBER to TURN IN Your Participation Fee and Membership Form at the First Rehearsal!**

## Membership and Order Form 2024 Junior Honor Band

(Turn this in to the Honor Band Chair Director with the Participation Fee at the first rehearsal, Saturday, January 27th)

First and LAST Name (Please verify your name is correct as it appears on the membership list **on the website**)

\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you've participated in SLOCBDA Honor Bands (Include this year as 1): \_\_\_\_\_

### Fees and Ordering Information

For Families with multiple Students, Please submit a separate form for each student but you may write 1 check. Complete ALL the information BELOW.

| Item   | Cost Per | Quantity | Total |
|--|----------|----------|-------|
| Honor Band Participation Fee   | \$65     | 1        | \$65  |
| Pre-Sale Concert Tickets (Pre-sale tickets will be available at all rehearsals. Tickets will also be available at the door for NO additional cost) | \$15     |          |       |
| Please make all checks payable to: <b>SLOCOE</b>   |          | Total    |       |

*Mark here if your director is paying for you.*

I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS FORM:

1. I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the SLOCBDA Junior and Senior Honor Bands Program.
2. I give my permission for staff/directors to provide first aid care and secure emergency care at my expense if needed.
3. I release officers, employees, agents of SLOCBDA, Schools and School Districts in the County of San Luis Obispo, and Cal Polytechnic University, from any liability, loss, expense or claim for illness, injury or damages that may arise from participation in the program or associated activity. Further, I understand that the District does not provide accident/medical insurance for students and that I am expected to provide such insurance coverage.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. I understand that I must be a member in good standing of my school band program throughout the rehearsal and performance period.
2. I will live up to the word "Honor"; and any lapse in citizenship or musicianship will result in my removal from the Honor Band and may affect my chances of participating in future years.
3. I understand the policy on Mandatory rehearsals and the scheduled performance. **I understand that there will be no exceptions made to these conditions.**

Student Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_