

ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Dear District XVI HS Band Directors:

The Anchor Bay School District and Band Boosters are proud to host this year's MSBOA District XVI Band Festival. We are fortunate to have excellent music facilities featuring a beautiful auditorium and two band rooms, one for warm-up and one for sight-reading. We are looking forward to your arrival and hope your festival is a positive and educational experience. The following packet of information will help make your festival experience an enjoyable one. Here are a few highlights:

- **Unloading of Students / Parking** – The student drop-off will be at the North entrance of the school at Door #4. Your festival guides will greet you at your bus and escort you throughout the day.
- **Concert Setup** – On the day of Festival please bring a copy of your concert setup and leave it in the MSBOA office. To create smooth transitions between bands, our backstage workers will assist by prepping the stage with correct numbers of chairs and stands before your setup crew arrives. These volunteers WILL NOT help your set-up crew after your performance block has started.
- **Percussion** – All percussion equipment will be unloaded at the loading dock (door #15) on the East side (back side) of the school and stored in the auditorium hallway until needed. We have assigned adult helpers to assist you and your percussion section with unloading. Schools performing on multiple days will be provided a secure area for overnight percussion storage if they desire one.
- **Performance & Sight-Reading Percussion** – We are offering the use of the Anchor Bay High School set of five timpani, concert bass drum, bells, xylophone, vibraphone, chimes, and marimba for concert performance. In addition, there will be four timpani (no tuning gauges), concert bass drum, bells, xylophone, marimba, chimes, and vibraphone available for use in the sight-reading room. All equipment is in good playing condition. YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN: snare drum, mallets, beaters, cymbals and auxiliary percussion.
- **Band Directors** – Directors are welcome to visit the hospitality room for food and beverages. The Anchor Bay Band Boosters will be providing dinner each evening along with snacks and beverages.
- **Concessions** – The Anchor Bay High School Band Boosters will have a variety of foods for students and parents to purchase. Concessions will be located in the North Commons area. Discourage students from bringing in food/beverage, and PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO EAT AT THE SITE!!! Please let me know if you would be interested in a food voucher for your students.
- **Contact Information** – Feel free to contact Jon Carrothers by email at jcarrothers@abs.misd.net if you have any questions. Hosting page: <https://www.anchorbaybands.org/msboa-d16-band/orchestra-festival>
- **Coat Rooms** – Secure coat rooms will be provided for each band. For those schools that are performing on multiple days, every effort has been made to keep a consistent coatroom from one day to the next. **Please remind your students to respect the coatrooms and not touch anything in the rooms.**

Good luck and have fun!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Carrothers".

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