

# Sample Letter for Senior Honor Festival Participants

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Dear Parents and Students of the 2003 SJMEA Honor **Band/Choir/Orchestra**,

Congratulations! Your son or daughter has been selected to this years' Senior Honor Band. Each year the San Juan Music Educators Association sponsors this event to bring together the top music students in Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan and Island counties to rehearse and perform under some of the most inspirational guest conductors the Pacific Northwest has to offer.

Along with this honor comes careful preparation of music assigned so rehearsal can reach beyond the notes to where the magic of any musical experience can begin. Please spend time before this event with your director learning your part.

The first rehearsal will be held at **Mt Baker High School** for band and choir and at **Sehome High School** for Orchestra on Monday night, **October 28<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 pm to 9:00. Please be there ahead so you can be ready to rehearse at 7:00.

Students make sure you have a pencil, extra reeds, strings anything you need to keep you rehearsing.

The all day rehearsal and evening performance are held on **November 4<sup>th</sup>**, at **(hosting school)** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, please arrive at 8:30 am to check in and get prepared for the down beat at 9:00 am. The performance begins at 7:30 pm in the **(name the place - gym, auditorium... and the school)**. A map has been included for your convenience.

Students will be in rehearsal between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Directors are responsible for students between 4:00 pm and the concert.

Bring your concert uniform for the evening concert. Label instruments with name and school so we can easily identify them.

Please note that an admission charge of \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for students will be charged. This enables SJMEA to pay for the guest conductors and the music used.

Classes of **(hosting school)** are in session so please act respectfully.

Sincerely,

**Your Names**

Phone Number or Email Address