

Amagansett School Music

February 3, 2022

Dear Parents,

I'm excited to announce that the NYSSMA State Solo Festival is **BACK** for **SPRING 2022!** As part of the Amagansett School Instrumental and Choral Programs, students in grades 3 through 6 are invited to compete in the New York State School Music Association Annual Solo Festival. Students prepare scales and solos during instrumental lessons and / or learn a vocal solo and work with me during some recess periods. They travel to a different school later in the spring to perform their solo for a judge. Student participation in this Festival is an excellent opportunity to work with music professionals. It is also an opportunity for students to gain self-confidence, and increase skill on their instrument as part of participation in NYSSMA.

WHAT:	NYSSMA VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL
WHEN:	<u>Monday, April 11, 2022</u>
WHERE:	<u>WESTHAMPTON BEACH HIGH SCHOOL (directions to follow)</u>

Individual time slots will be announced as the Festival nears.

Students will prepare for the competition in instrumental lessons but added practice time will be necessary AT HOME in order for them to achieve at the highest level.

This year, due to COVID cohorting, we will be running our NYSSMA Preparatory Program a little bit differently. Students choosing to participate in BAND INSTRUMENT or VIOLIN NYSSMA will have their lessons during the school day on a rotating system much like their regular lessons. Students choosing to participate in VOCAL NYSSMA will have lessons **BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINNING AT 7:30AM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 28th with the following schedule:**

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3rd Grade Vocal NYSSMA	4th Grade Vocal NYSSMA	5th Grade Vocal NYSSMA	6th Grade Vocal NYSSMA

Bus transportation WILL NOT BE PROVIDED to these lessons. Students will need to be dropped off at the MAIN ENTERANCE TO THE SCHOOL at 7:30AM. ONLY STUDENTS IN THE LESSON GROUP MAY ARRIVE AT THAT TIME...no siblings or friends will be permitted to enter the building until our regular arrival time.

Please complete the attached form and send it in to school with your child **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 8th** so that I can begin registering the children for the competition.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at the school. I am so proud of your child's desire to participate in this festival!

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs. Kamp

Please return the following form to Mrs. Kamp NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 8th. Thank you! Place a check mark in the area (or areas) your child would like to participate in.

Parental Permission

- I give my child _____ permission to participate in the NYSSMA Solo Competition. I understand that **PARENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE FESTIVAL.**

- My child would like to prepare and perform a:

_____ VOCAL SOLO (OPEN TO GRADES 3-6)

I understand that my child MUST commit to practice BEFORE SCHOOL at 7:30AM. I understand that I am responsible for transporting my child to school by 7:30AM on the given day.

_____ BAND INSTRUMENTAL SOLO (OPEN TO GRADES 4-6)

_____ VIOLIN SOLO (OPEN TO GRADES 4 and 5 ONLY)

Parent Signature _____

Student Contract

I agree to practice at home and attend all lessons, as I prepare for NYSSMA. I understand that this is a serious commitment and that I must be dedicated and responsible in order to succeed.

Student Signature _____