

Good morning everyone,

Below is a copy of the ONLY email we anticipate sending directly to students. This email will go out about 3pm today (Monday, February 5). We are sending a copy of it to you in case it generates any questions. There is no new information, basically just a couple of reminders about what we are expecting from them in February.

MORE IMPORTANT – we are reminding you that all student registration forms should be uploaded to your Google Drop folder NO LATER than Friday, February 16. If we do not have the form, we will be concerned that your student isn't actually planning on participating, and will need to start determining if an alternate will be required. Remember, all information, forms and copies of communications can be found on the directors page of the web-site (<https://www.coloradoallstateband.com/directors.html>). We also have our timeline there so you can anticipate what is coming up for you.

You can access your drop folder by following the link that was sent by Google on January 22. This folder is empty until you put anything in it. You'll be able to see your registration forms after you upload them to that folder – so if you can see them, we can see them. You must log into Google with the email address you used to register your school on the All-State Band audition platform to access your folder.

The early bird registration rate of \$50 expired on January 31 – so all student registrations are now \$55. If you do not get this paid for by March 29, you will have to pay by check at the event at the late registration fee of \$60. Payments should be made at the CBA web-site (<https://www.coloradobandmasters.org/all-state-band/participation-fee-payment>)

It was great to see so many of you at CMEA, and thanks for your continued work for the students in the All-State Band!

Casey and Scott

Good afternoon All-State musicians and alternates,

We hope your preparations for this wonderful event have been going well. The following information should simply serve as reminders. If you need more information, be sure to check the members only section of the Web-Site (access from the personnel page).

T-Shirts: **Orders are due no later than this Friday, February 9.** Late orders cannot be accepted. Remember, members AND alternates can order All-State shirts. Shirts can be ordered at: <https://www.coloradobandmasters.org/colorado-all-state-band-commemorative-tshirt>

Music: By now, you should have downloaded your .zip file and retrieved all your music, and you should be practicing this music. Remember, doing a little bit every day will always yield better results than waiting until the last minute and doing a lot at the end. Use the reference recordings. When you can play your part with the recordings, you're ready!

Re-Auditions: Remember, on Friday, February 16 we will announce to your directors exactly what you need to record for your re-auditions. Every MEMBER must submit a recording of an excerpt from every

song on your performance (ALTERNATES do not need to do this unless you are invited as a member – if this happens, you will receive specific instructions at that time). This re-audition will serve two purposes: 1) a preparation check to make sure you are on track with your preparations and 2) for instruments with multiple players on that part, the re-audition will serve as your chair audition. We are not looking for perfection, simply evidence that you have been working hard on your preparation. If for any reason, we have concerns, we will be in contact with both you and your director to discuss next steps.

- February 16 – Get the re-audition information from your director (and READ it)
- Be sure to know proper tempos and style (from reference recordings) and complete your recordings as close to this as possible. Combine them into a single recording (in the proper order – follow the instructions) and send them to your band director for submission
- February 25, 5:00pm – All recordings must be uploaded (by your director). Be sure to get them to your director early so they are not scrambling to get them uploaded at the last minute.

As always, if you have questions, check with your director and check the web-site. If you can't get the information you need, then reach out to us and we'll do what we can to help out.

Mr. Cropp and Mr. Schlup