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With great pride and pleasure, I welcome you to the Northern Illinois Music Conference 2018 Organization Contest. I am confident that you will find your contest host and staff most accommodating.

NIMCon's purpose is to foster and promote the advancement of music education in public and non-public schools and to sponsor annual contests including Solo and Ensemble, and Organization Contest for Bands, Choirs and Orchestras in the State of Illinois. The success of our young musicians is what it is because of dedicated, aspiring music educators and parents who have a common goal. We are pleased to have you as partners and look forward to a successful experience that will encourage young musicians to gain confidence, find the best in themselves, and be proud of their accomplishments.

Students, the effort and determination you have made for today's performance will undoubtedly be an asset to you in your life's future endeavors. There is a special kind of joy and satisfaction knowing that you did your best. Your preparations for today have taught you that there are no shortcuts to success and there is no substitute for hard work. I trust that you will have an enjoyable and rewarding contest experience today.

Congratulations on your efforts. You are a source of pride to your schools and communities. Good luck!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen Singer".

Ellen Singer  
NIMCon President

Dear Directors, Students, Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the NIMCon Organizational Contest 2018 in Beach Park. We are looking forward to hosting the contest for you and your students here in Beach Park, at both Beach Park Middle School for bands and orchestras, and at Kenneth Murphy Grade School for the choirs, on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10. Congratulations to all directors and students for their hard work and dedication in preparation for this event. We certainly wish you the best of luck for a wonderful performance!

We would also like to thank the members of our band family in Beach Park, past and present, for coming together to make this event happen. Your continued encouragement and support inspires our program to success.

We hope your visit to our school will be a positive and rewarding experience, and we look forward to hearing your groups play. Again, welcome to Beach Park, Good Luck, and enjoy your day!

Musically Yours,

Jennifer Grabot

Director of Bands Beach Park School District #3

**Northern Illinois Music Conference**  
**Organizational Contest**  
**Beach Park, Illinois, March 9 and 10, 2018**

The purpose of the Northern Illinois Music Conference shall be to encourage, aid, and advance music education in the elementary and junior high schools of the State of Illinois through all legitimate and effective means.

**General Information**

**Beach Park Middle School** is located at 40667 N. Green Bay Road in Beach Park, 1.7 miles north of Wadsworth Road, and 0.8 mile south of Route 173. We are east of I-94 and Route 41.

**Kenneth Murphy Grade School** is located at 11315 W Wadsworth Rd, Beach Park, IL 60099.

**Parking at BPMS** is available in the back lot behind the building or in the lot north of the building. Handicapped parking and entrances are located on the north end of the building. Our main back doors are also handicapped accessible. The front lot on Green Bay Road is reserved for judges and volunteers only. **Buses need to drop off students and equipment at the NORTH end of the building, then park on the EAST side of the building.**

**Parking at Kenneth Murphy** is available for buses on the west side of the building, with cars in the lot on the north and east. **Please drop off students by front doors, then drive around and park on the WEST side of the building.**

**Admission** to the performing area is \$1. Student performers, directors, school officials, administrators and bus drivers will be admitted without charge.

The Beach Park Band Boosters will be serving the usual array of **Food and Beverages at BPMS** in the multipurpose room throughout the day. *PLEASE DO NOT TAKE FOOD OR DRINKS OUTSIDE THIS ROOM.* We may have limited concessions at Kenneth Murphy.

The **Contest Information Office and Lost and Found** will be located in the main school office, which, at BPMS, is on the upper level in the front of the building at the top of the main stairway. Kenneth Murphy's office is located inside front doors of the building. Any lost or found items should be addressed at this office. Neither Beach Park School District #3 nor NIMCon will be responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.

**Check In/Information Tables at BPMS** will be located on the lower level by the north entrance. We will have knowledgeable and helpful people to guide you! And maps.

**Check In/Information at Kenneth Murphy** will be inside the main front doors.

**Ratings** will be posted outside of the cafeteria on the wall of windows. It takes approximately 30 minutes for scores to be posted. While you are waiting, feel free to visit the cafeteria for a bite to eat!

**Repair Service** will be provided on Friday and Saturday, compliments of A-Major Music of Gurnee, 847-623-8565. The repair area will be located in the hallway north of the main office on the upper level. A-Major Music is available for any emergency repairs that may arise during contest day.

A **Copy Machine** will NOT be available on the day of contest.

Each Director must provide **3 sets of original scores** for the judges. These scores must have the measures numbered, as per NIMCon rules. Please label the scores with your name and school in the event that they are lost. Directors need to turn these in at the Check-In table upon arrival.

We will have the following **Percussion Equipment** available in the performance area: four timpani, chimes, bass drum, bells, xylophone, marimba, gong, and congas. You are responsible for bringing anything else you may need.

**Homeroom areas** will be assigned when you arrive on your performance day. Please do not play in the homerooms. We are thankful to the teachers who have so graciously given us the use of their classrooms for the weekend. Please remind your students to be respectful of their spaces during the day. *No food or drink is allowed in these classrooms.*

**Schedule - You are allowed 30 minutes in the warm-up room.** In order to keep the contest flowing smoothly, please do not abuse this allotment of time. The warm-up room at **BPMS** will be in the band room. The performance area will be in the gym. The warm-up room at **Kenneth Murphy** will be in the library, with performances in the gym.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: There is only one entrance and exit to the performance area. Please use caution when entering and exiting the gym. We will do our best to keep the area as clear as possible for the performing groups.**

Directors may **Check Out** in the main offices at **BPMS** and **KM** after your score has been posted. Your medals, score sheets, and comment sheets will be available for you as soon as our office staff has tallied everything up and posted your score.

**A Medical Professional** will be on duty Friday and Saturday in the main office to assist with any medical emergencies.

Beach Park Middle School, as well as the rest of District #3, is designated **Non-Smoking**. This includes all school property, inside and out. We request your cooperation with this policy, and we ask you to remind any parents who attend to also comply with this.

It is expected that all students from all schools will treat our building with **Care and Respect**. We also assume that the students participating in this contest will conduct themselves in a manner as to positively represent themselves, their parents, their teachers, and their schools. Please be **Kind** to our warm-up room, bathrooms, performance room, and cafeteria, and be **Cautious** of others and their equipment. Directors, please discuss appropriate behavior with your students prior to your arrival at this contest. We here at Beach Park are doing our best to host the best possible contest we can!

### **Acknowledgements**

#### **Contest Administrators**

Mrs. Jennifer Grabot

Mrs. Ellen Singer

Mr. Alex Moberg

#### **District #3 Administration**

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Questions, Comments or Concerns?

Please contact Jennifer Grabot at 847-596-5803 or [jgrabot@bpd3.org](mailto:jgrabot@bpd3.org)

**A Special Thank You** to all of the parents, students, faculty and staff who have worked so hard to make today's program a success. Our band program here at Beach Park is successful largely because we have such tremendous support from the community, school, District #3, and the Beach Park Band Boosters. Today's event could not have taken place without their hard work and dedication.

**JUDGES**

**Friday Night:**

**Band/Orchestra**

Shan Kazmi

Debbie Durham

John Clemons

**Choir**

Robert Collins

Carol LaBissoniere

Kathy Szamocki

**Saturday:**

**Band/Orchestra**

Shan Kazmi

Larry Goltz

Ken Tonaki

**Choir**

Robert Collins

Carol LaBissoniere

Suzanne Jozwiak

**Band/Orch Warm-Up/Performance Schedule - Friday, March 9 - Beach Park Middle School**

**Warm-up**

**Performance**

2:55	3:30	<b>Beach Park MS Symphonic Band - Mrs. Jen Grabot/ Mr. Madi Cardenas</b> Festivo - Vaclav Nelhybel Overture on a Minstrel Tune - Pierre La Plante Darklands March - Randall D. Standridge
3:35	4:10	<b>Beach Park MS Concert Band - Mrs. Sara Eikenberry/Mrs. Jen Merrill</b> Bavarian Trails March - Joseph Compello Salvation is Created - Pavel Chesnokov arr. By Michael Brown Path of Destiny - Sean O'Loughlin
4:15	4:55	<b>Hawthorn MS North Concert Band - Mr. Pat Cantagallo</b> Celtic Ritual - John Higgins Suncrest - Gordon Kirby Glass Reflections - Quincy Hilliard
4:55	5:30	<b>West Oak MS 6th Grade Band - Ms. Debra Saam</b> Chant and Tribal Dance - David Shaffer Espanola - Victor Lopez Der Erlkonig - Scott Watson
6:05	6:40	<b>West Oak MS 7th &amp; 8th Grade Band - Ms. Jessica Rosales</b> Quad City Stomp - Michael Sweeney Suncrest Concert March - Ricky Kirby King Across the Water - Bruce Fraser
6:45	7:20	<b>Woodland MS Symphonic Band 2 - Ms. Carolyn Awe</b> Thunderbolt Galop - Fred K. Huffer - Arr. Andrew Glover Phasing Thunder - Brian Balmages Crush - Robert W. Smith
7:25	8:00	<b>Woodland MS Symphonic Band 1 - Ms. Elise Matussek</b> Go Galop - Henry Filmore arr. By Nicholas Contorno Equilibrium - Michael Oare The Witch and the Saint - Steven Reineke

## **Choir Warm-Up/Performance Schedule - Friday, March 9 - Kenneth Murphy Grade School**

<b><u>Warm-up</u></b>	<b><u>Performance</u></b>
4:35	5:00 <b>Woodland MS Woodland Singers - Ms. Sara Roediger</b> Ubuntu - Mark Hayes We Will Sing the World Whole Again - Mark Burrows Go Down Moses - Arr. by Vicki Tucker Courtney
5:05	5:30 <b>Woodland MS Woodland Girls Chorus - Ms. Susen Holt</b> Sing A Mighty Song - Greg Gilpin She Sings - Amy F Beron Little David Play On Your Harp - Spiritual arr. By Emily Crocker
5:35	6:00 <b>Hawthorn MS North 7th/8th Grade Chorus - Ms. Diana O'Connor</b> Nine Hundred Miles - Philip E. Silvey Tongo - Greg Gilpin Closer to the Flame - David Lantz III
6:35	7:00 <b>Hawthorn MS South 7th &amp; 8th Grade Chorus - Ms. Genevieve Klein</b> Nine Hundred Miles - Philip E. Silvey Sisi Ni Moja - Jacob Narverud Wintess - Traditional Spiritual arr. By Jack Halloran
7:05	7:30 <b>Lake Zurich MS South Choir - Ms. Kelly Harper</b> Alleluia, Alleluia! - Amy F. Bernon Breathe Soft, Ye Winds - Greg Gilpin Chattanooga Choo Choo - Lyrics by Mark Gordon, Music by Harry Warren, Arr. by Mac Huff
7:35	8:00 <b>West Oak Middle School 6th-8th Grade Choirs - Ms. Susan Borkowski</b> Alleluia Canon - Mozart arr. By Donald Moore Al Tambor - Victor C Johnson Homeward Bound - Marta Keen, Arr. by Jay Althouse



## **Band/Orch Warm-Up/Performance Schedule - Saturday, March 10 - Beach Park Middle School**

<b><u>Warm-up</u></b>	<b><u>Performance</u></b>
7:25	8:00 <b>Hawthorn MS North 7th/8th Grade Orchestra - Ms. Jennifer Greenwell</b> Kinetic - Shirl Jae Atwell Allegro Molto from Gran Partita, K. 361, First Movement - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Arr. by Douglas E. Wagner Arabian Dreams - Soon Hee Newbold
8:05	8:40 <b>Holmes MS Symphonic Band - Mr. Bryan Itzkowitz</b> Astron: A New Horizon - David Shaffer Crosswinds March - James Swearingen Latin Fiesta - Arr. by Michael Sweeney
8:45	9:20 <b>Hawthorn MS South 7/8th Grade Orchestra - Ms. Samantha May</b> Arlington Sketches - Elliott Del Borgo A Gaelic Overture - David O'Fallon Brandenburg Concerto #3 - J.S. Bach, Arr. by Merle Isaac
9:25	10:00 <b>Holmes MS Symphony Orchestra - Ms. Heidi Flowers</b> Toccatina - William Hofeldt Fantasia on an Original Theme - Joseph J. Phillips Hyperdrive - Ralph Ford
10:05	10:40 <b>Elm Place MS Concert Band - Mr. Matt Taylor</b> Sugar Creek Overture - Robert Sheldon The Greatest Gift - Timothy Loest Newcastle March - Johnnie Vinson
10:45	11:20 <b>Nippersink MS 7/8th Grade Concert Band - Mr. Keith Nowickas</b> Crystal Moon - Larry Clark Themes from First Suite in Eb - Holst, Arr. by Sweeney The Thunderer - Sousa, Arr. by Balent
11:25	12:00 <b>Lake Zurich MS South Sinfonietta - Mr. Ron Polomchak</b> Cold Frosty Morning - Scottish Fiddle Tune, Arr. by Larry Moore Northern Lights - Alan Lee Silva Plink, Plank, Plunk! - Leroy Anderson

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| 12:35 | 1:10 | <p><b>Holmes MS Wind Ensemble - Mr. Jeremy Budrow</b><br/> Two British Folk Songs - Elliott Del Borgo<br/> On the Merrimack - Andrew Boysen Jr.<br/> Moscow, 1941 - Brian Balmages</p>  |
| 1:15  | 1:50 | <p><b>Lake Zurich MS North Chamber Orchestra - Riley Broach</b><br/> Sinfonia in D Major - Johann Christian Bach, Arr. by Sandra Dackow<br/> Two Joyous Chorales - Johann Sebastian Bach, Arr. by Shirley Mullins<br/> Ancient Aires &amp; Dances - Ottorino Respighi, Arr. by Jerry Brubaker</p> |
| 1:55  | 2:30 | <p><b>London MS Symphony Orchestra - Ms. Lauren Wargaski</b><br/> Overture to William Tell - Gioachino Rossini, Arr. by Sandra Dackow<br/> Romanian Waltz - Ion Ivanovic, Arr. by J. Cameron Law<br/> Conquistador! - Deborah Baker Monday</p>  |
| 2:35  | 3:10 | <p><b>Cooper MS Symphony Orchestra - Ms. Kate O'Connor</b><br/> Allegro for Strings - George Frideric Handel, Arr. by Steven Frackenpohl<br/> Lullaby by William Hofeldt<br/> Legionary - Chris Thomas</p>  |
| 3:15  | 3:50 | <p><b>London MS Wind Ensemble - Mr. Andrew Malovance</b><br/> Cafe 512 - Ryan George<br/> Rain by Brian Balmages<br/> The Rifle Regiment - John Philip Sousa, Arr. by Andrew Balent</p>   |
| 3:55  | 4:30 | <p><b>Cooper MS Symphonic Winds - Mr. Cody Severino</b><br/> Washington Post March - Arr. Bill Holcombe<br/> Along the Santa Fe Trail - Rob Romeyn<br/> Blue Ridge Saga - James Swearingen</p>  |

**Choir Warm-Up and Performance Schedule - Saturday, 3/10 - Kenneth Murphy Grade School**

**Warm-up**

**Performance**

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| 9:35 | 10:00 | <p><b>Nippersink MS 7th/8th Grade Concert Choir - Ms. Emily Johnson</b><br/> The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls - Words by Longfellow, Music by Janet Gardner<br/> Confitemini Domino - Greg Gilpin<br/> Pick a Bale of Cotton - African American Work Song,<br/> Arr. by Lon Beery</p> |
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- 10:05            10:30    **Millburn MS Choir - Mr. Jonathan Cramer**  
                         Sing for Joy - George Frideric Handel, Arr. by Linda Spevacek  
                         Hope is the Thing with Feathers - Susan LaBarr  
                         Can You Hear? - Jim Papoulis and Francisco Nunez
- 10:35            11:00    **Woodland MS Concert Choir - Ms. Karen Jirsa**  
                         A Festive Alleluia - Mary Lynn Lightfoot  
                         Let There Be Song - Dav and Jean Perry  
                         The Battle of Jericho - Arr. by Roger Emerson
- 11:05            11:30    **Beach Park MS Choir - Mr. Alex Moberg**  
                         Let The Day Find You - Amy Bernon  
                         Breath Soft Ye Winds - Greg Gilpin  
                         Lift Up Your Voice - Victor C. Johnson
- 11:35            12:00    **Lake Zurich MS Concert Choir - Ms. Marie Lemke**  
                         Gloria in Excelsis Deo - Composed by Antonio Vivaldi,  
                         Arr. by Sherri Porterfield  
                         Blessing - Composed by Katie Moran Bart  
                         Ride the Sweet Chariot - Traditional Spiritual, Arr. by Sally K. Albrecht

## **Rules Governing Organization Contest**

- 1) Directors may proceed through their three selections at their own prerogative.
- 2) All organizations shall use the designated warm up venue as their warm up space. All groups are allowed to play a brief sound check as a part of their allotted performance time.
- 3) Directors must provide the host with three scores of each selection to be performed. The measures shall be numbered.
- 4) A concert band or orchestra will not exceed 40 minutes in the performance area including set up, performance, clinic and clean up.
- 5) Jazz bands, choirs and swing choirs will not exceed 30 minutes in the performance area including set up, performance, clinic and clean up.
- 6) The performance of a piano part by an adult in an instrumental group is not allowed.
- 7) No adjudicator shall hold the behavior of a special needs student against the performance of the organization.
- 8) All organizations shall be rated in three divisions: Division I, Division II, or Division III. The final rating for all organizations shall be a majority of the adjudicators' final ratings. Organizations receiving a I, II, and III will be rated Division II.
- 9) Organizations shall not be marked down for stage entrance or exit.
- 10) Concert Bands and Orchestras shall play three selections.
- 11) Jazz Bands shall perform three selections, two of which shall be in contrasting styles.
- 12) Choirs and Swing Choirs shall perform three memorized selections.
- 13) Swing/show choirs may be accompanied by a combo consisting of adults and students. The combo shall not be judged or presented medals.
- 14) Swing/Show choirs may be directed.
- 15) An original score must be provided for each adjudicator. Photocopies are illegal and will not be accepted. The penalty for violation shall be lowering of the rating by one division.
- 16) An organization may elect to perform "For Comments only". These groups will receive comments, but no numerical rating, and no medals or plaque will be awarded.