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Dear Parents:

I am pleased to invite your student(s) to FAU's sixth annual Honors High School String Orchestra "Side-by-Side" Festival on **October 20 & 21, 2017**. This event will culminate in a side-by-side performance with students from high school orchestras from around the state as well as Florida Atlantic University Orchestra students. Repertoire for this year's festival will be selected from the following: Alexander Glazunov's orchestration of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Andante op. 30, John Rutter's Suite for Strings, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Divertimento K. 136 in D Major, Johann Sebastian Bach's Air from Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major, Ralph Vaughan Williams's *Rhosymedre*, Edward Elgar's Elegy, Alan Hovhaness's Armenian Rhapsody No. 3, Howard Hanson's Rhythmic Variations on Two Ancient Hymns, and Pizzicato Polka by Johann Strauss Jr. & Josef Strauss.

The two-day festival schedule will involve rehearsals of the repertoire listed above from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm on both October 20 & 21 culminating in a concert at 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 21. Admission to the concert is free, and seating is open. The auditorium doors will open at 7:30 pm for the 8:00 pm concert. There is a participation fee of \$40.00. This covers a festival T-shirt, snacks, lunch on Friday, and both lunch and dinner on Saturday. All meals will be served in the Atlantic Dining Hall (an all you can eat buffet) located adjacent to the Student Union. Checks or money orders should be made payable to "FAU Foundation" and given to your child's high school orchestra director before September 25, 2017.

The deadline for registration is **Monday, September 25, 2017**. The student fees should be postmarked by September 25th as well. In addition, please encourage your child to obey your school's chaperone policy to ensure that your child is supervised during down times or in emergency situations. Should you or your child require hotel accommodations, our office will be happy to assist you in finding a location near our campus. A complete list of local hotels is shown on this website: <http://www.fau.edu/admissions/LocalAccom.php>

Original repertoire will be provided to your students upon their arrival at FAU. For audition and practice purposes, the repertoire will be posted online in September. For interested students, there will be auditions for all solos and the section leader positions. All students need to bring mutes. Concert dress for the performance is the attire students usually wear for their high school orchestra concerts. For some students this is a uniform, or a specific color like all black, or black and white. The FAU students will be dressed in the following: men wear tuxes and women wear all black.

We hope that you will join us in this continuing partnership between talented high school students and Florida Atlantic University orchestral students. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at joella@fau.edu or (561) 297-2262. If you leave a voicemail, please indicate a good call back time. It is not necessary to wait until the deadline to submit your registration. We would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

Best wishes,
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