

**Commack Public Schools NYSSMA Piano Solo and Ensemble Registration Form**

Dear Parent,

November 2018

The annual NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival for PIANO will be held at Five Towns College on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, March 25-28, 2019. To register your child, please complete the form below and return it to his/her music teacher on or before Friday, January 11, 2019.

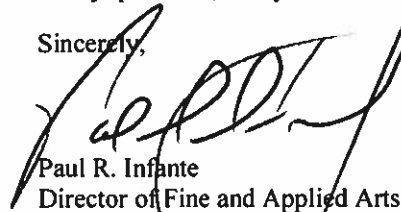
**FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER YOUR CHILD IS REGISTERED!**

We will attempt to accommodate requests for time. Please understand that scheduling is very difficult and requests should be made only for the most serious of reasons. Indicate a first and second choice. Specific hours **cannot** be accommodated. We will do the best we can to place your child in the session requested. Be sure to list any brothers or sisters who will also participate. We will try to match schedules conveniently. When scheduling is complete, a Playing Permit will be given to your child with all the necessary information (day, time, location, room, etc.).

Solos must be listed in the NYSSMA Manual Edition 32, effective July 1, 2018. No photocopies are permitted. Besides having an original solo for your child, you are required to bring one original copy for the judge. Be sure that the piece your child is preparing is listed in this edition. Each music teacher has this manual. Please be sure that this is checked when your child registers. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Fill out a separate sheet for each solo your child is performing (i.e. a piano duet and a piano solo) and include a single payment.

Thank you for your participation and support. Again if you have any questions, I may be reached at the number below

Sincerely,



Paul R. Infante  
Director of Fine and Applied Arts  
912-2070

(Tear here and return bottom portion with payment to your child's music teacher)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

MUSIC TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_ VOICE\ INSTRUMENT \_\_\_\_\_ PIANO \_\_\_\_\_ MUSIC LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF NYSSMA SOLO \_\_\_\_\_

COMPOSER \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE IN MANUAL \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE PREFERRED DAY (M, T, W, TH) AND TIME - INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE - (1 & 2)**

M T W TH AFTERNOON (3:30 - 6:00pm) EVENING (7:00- 9:00pm) M T W TH AFTERNOON (3:30 - 6:00pm) EVENING (7:00- 9:00pm)

MARK THE APPROPRIATE LINE AND SUBMIT PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT.

**CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: COMMACK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

\_\_\_\_\_ SOLO OR ENSEMBLE LEVEL I-IV - \$22.00

\_\_\_\_\_ SOLO OR ENSEMBLE LEVEL V-VI - \$30.00

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS PERFORMING NYSSMA PIANO SOLOS: (list name and school)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_

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For office staff only: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Pay School \_\_\_\_\_

## **NYSSMA, What does it mean?**

Many of our student musicians perform in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) solo and ensemble festival. Students may play more than one instrument (or voice) and ensemble. If a student performs as a soloist, he/she must prepare scales from memory, a solo from the official NYSSMA manual, and must sight-read eight measures of music. Students will perform this before an official NYSSMA adjudicator. The resultant ratings for levels I-IV of O (outstanding), E (excellent), G (good), F (fair) and levels V-IV of a letter grade are determined by an overall performance score. Each student will receive his or her own adjudication sheet that explains the grade. Students that perform in an ensemble (duets, trios, etc.) will only perform the selected piece. Students who perform at the top three levels receive a medal for their efforts. The student's written evaluation will reinforce what they do well and will also get constructive criticism by an adjudicator who specializes on the student's particular instrument.