

# John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region

The Bromfield School  
Harvard, Massachusetts 01436  
*April 18-20, 2019*

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Dear Students:

Congratulations! You have been selected to participate in the John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands - New England Region Band Festival to be held from **April 18-20, 2019** at The Bromfield School, 14 Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard, MA 01451. This year, the Sousa National Honors Bands – New England Region will be comprised of an honors Wind Ensemble, consisting primarily of students from grades 9 through 12 and a Junior Honors Band, with students from grades 7 and 8. As originally advertised, Mr. Jay S. Gephart will conduct the Wind Ensemble and Mr. Jared Bloch will conduct the Junior Honors Band.

We are asking all students to send a reply e-mail indicating that they have received this information. Please hit “REPLY” and just say that you have it. If we don’t hear from you, we will assume that you did not receive this information.

Attached, please find the following in the form of .pdf files:

1. An individual student agreement contract
2. A health form
3. A concert ticket order form
4. A festival T-shirt order form

Note: Copies of these can also be found on our website.

Student’s names will appear in the program as printed on your forms unless we are notified elsewhere.

There are two different Registration Fees depending upon whether or not accepted students will stay at The Colonial Hotel – Gardner, MA or commute from a reasonable distance to the Gardner, MA area. The **Fee for Overnight Students is \$250.00 per student**. The **Fee for Commuter Students is \$180.00 per student**. Shuttle buses between The Colonial Hotel and The Bromfield School will operate at no additional charge. Thursday and Friday evening dinners and Friday and Saturday lunches are included for all students. Some type of breakfast will be available on Friday and Saturday.

Registration checks should be made payable to the “**John Philip Sousa Foundation**”. Registration check(s), and all individual student agreement contracts, and health forms, need to be completely filled out and returned to the following address by **FRIDAY, April 5, 2019**:

**John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region**  
c/o Thomas E. Reynolds  
P.O. Box 102  
Templeton, Massachusetts 01468

Please indicate special dietary needs, such as vegetarian, kosher, etc. on the health forms.

Music will be mailed out to each participating school upon receipt of the acceptance forms.

The **Concert** will be held at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street, Worcester, MA, on **SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019** at **1:00pm**.

Ticket Order Forms should be completed and sent to:

**John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region**  
Attn. Ticket Chairperson  
P.O. Box 102  
Templeton, Massachusetts 01468

with a check payable to “**John Philip Sousa Foundation.**” If you wish to have the tickets mailed to you in advance, please also include a self-addressed stamped envelope and return the form by **Friday, April 5, 2019**, otherwise your tickets will be waiting at the door when you arrive.

T-shirt Order Forms should be completed and sent to:

**John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region**  
**Attn: T-Shirt Chairperson**  
**P.O. Box 102**  
**Templeton, Massachusetts 01468**

with a check payable to “**John Philip Sousa Foundation**”. The **deadline** for T-shirt Reservations is **Friday, March 29, 2019**.

One digital recording of the April 20<sup>th</sup> concert will be included with each registration fee. There will be Additional Concert Recording Order Forms available at the festival to be sent directly to the recording company:

**Birchwood Recording LLC**  
[KGould@BirchwoodRecording.com](mailto:KGould@BirchwoodRecording.com)  
**Londonderry, NH 03053**

For directors and parents planning to come to this Sousa Band Festival, a list of area hotel accommodations will be available shortly. The Ramada Inn Plaza will have a limited number of additional rooms available for directors at a discounted rate. Mention the John Philip Sousa Festival should you call and reserve a room there.

Once again, congratulations to all! We are looking forward to seeing all of you in this upcoming festival!

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Reynolds  
Festival Coordinator