



## **NESBA Competition @ Salem High School**

### **Director's Packet**

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Welcome to the **March 14th, 2026 NESBA Competition** sponsored by the Salem High School Performing Arts Music Club. This packet is designed to give you all the information you need to have a successful day. Included in this packet is information for directors, information for spectators, a parking map, a school map, an invoice for your entry fee, and a W9. You may find it helpful to copy the parking map and spectator information in a message to the families of your students as it will answer many of the questions they may have for you. My contact information can be found at the end of the information part of the packet so you can reach out with any questions leading up to the event. We wish you the best and are excited to host your group in a celebration of the marching arts!

### **Spectator Information**

The show will start at 3:00pm and Salem High School will be open to everyone at 1:30pm. We ask that you do not arrive before 1:30pm so that we are prepared to accommodate you. The detailed schedule can be found on the NESBA website ([www.nesba.org](http://www.nesba.org)). Spectators should enter at the general parking entrance marked on the parking map and walk up to the spectator entrance. Accessible parking is available and can be accessed by entering through the bus & disabled parking entrance. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, and free for children five and under. Concessions are available in the cafeteria. Cash and cards are accepted.

### **Buses/Performers**

Both guard and percussion groups should have buses enter at the bus & disabled parking entrance marked on the map. Buses should continue to the back of the school where they can drop students off at the performer entrance for them to be stamped and checked in. Buses can then continue to the bus parking. Units who are driving cars including staff should not park in the bus or truck parking. Please park all cars in general parking and then enter through the performer entrance.

## **Equipment**

Trucks that are bringing equipment, floors, and props should enter at the equipment truck parking entrance marked on the map. Vehicles can park in this parking lot until it is time to unload. Units bringing a semi truck should reach out because these vehicles require a separate parking and unloading plan. When unloading you can pull up to the front of the school (in the same lot). Once your equipment has been unloaded it can proceed around the right side of the school on the sidewalk to the equipment entrance. Percussion equipment will be brought in at a designated time 20 minutes before your warmup time begins. Non-performing students/adults assisting with truck unloading/moving equipment will need to pay the admission fee before entering the building through the equipment entrance. There is limited space for prop storage in the lobby outside of the performance gym. Floors will be stored in the hallway outside the performance gym. Volunteers can assist you in finding prop and floor storage. Please take your equipment out of the building immediately following your unit's performance. Percussion groups and equipment will exit through the Art Hallway leading to the equipment truck parking area at the front of the building (the hallway is next to the sidewalk you took to the equipment entrance). Colorguards will bring their equipment out through the equipment entrance they used to get into the school.

## **Dressing Rooms:**

Locker rooms are available and are located down the hall on the left after entering the performer entrance. Performing units are responsible for supervision and behavior of their students in the locker rooms. NESBA, the SHS PAMC, and Salem High School cannot be held responsible for any personal property that is lost or damaged and advise against storing valuables in the locker rooms.

## **Warmup Areas:**

The lower gym will be available for guard warm warmups during the warmup times listed on the logistical schedule.. Each guard will be assigned to a designated warmup space in the gym for body warmup (½ court) as well as a space for equipment warmup (½ court). All spinning must be done on the mats in the equipment warmup spaces to protect the wooden floor. If any guards want to do an unofficial hallway warmup outside of their official warmup time, the first four performing groups of the day can use the hallway past the locker rooms (downstairs) and the remaining groups can use the hallway past the judges room. Winter percussion units will be escorted to their designated warmup area after they enter the equipment entrance with their equipment.

## **Vertical Center Line:**

We will be using the vertical center line process to bring units onto the floor. Should you have any questions regarding this, please see the NESBA Coordinator prior to your unit's performance. All percussion and guard units will enter on the stage right side of the performance area and exit from stage left. As percussion units exit the gym they will turn right to exit through the lobby and down the art hallway towards the main entrance. As guard units exit the gym they will turn left to exit with equipment and props to go back out the equipment entrance.

**Awards/Critique:**

There will be an award presentation at the conclusion of the percussion segment and another at the end of the guard segment of the event. Captains will meet in the hallway by the performance entrance prior to the awards ceremony. If NESBA determines that critique will be happening it will happen in the chorus room located near the equipment entrance. You must register in advance for critique using Competition Suite.

**Entry Fee:**

Each group should submit their purchase order or a check for \$100 payable to SHS PAMC. If you have not mailed your payment prior to the show please have it ready at performer check in.

**Staff Passes:**

NESBA has supplied all units with their allotted number of staff passes. The cost for additional staff and chaperones is \$15.

**Use of Building:**

There is no smoking on school grounds. Food/drink other than water is prohibited from the performance gym, warm up gym, or the percussion warm up areas in the music suite. Please do not use areas of the building that have been taped off. Some areas of the building are taped off for safety reasons and we ask that you respect this policy.

If you have any questions please email me at [michael.oconnor@sau57.org](mailto:michael.oconnor@sau57.org). On the day of the event we will give you a director's packet and schedule when you check in at the performer entrance so you have the most up to date information. It will also contain my cell phone number for emergencies. Thank you for coming to our show and we look forward to hosting you!

Sincerely,  
Michael O'Connor  
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# Salem Winter Show Parking Map



# Salem Winter Show School Map (Indoor Layout)





