

## Information For Parents



1. Your teacher has been given a Wheaton College Campus Map. If you haven't been given that, please ask your teacher for a copy. These will also be available on our new website: [illinoismusicassociation.org](http://illinoismusicassociation.org), on our Facebook page and on Wheaton College's website.
2. Parking is located adjacent to Barrows Hall. Handicapped parking is at the rear of the building where there is a ramp to enter for your ease.
3. Arrive 15 minutes early and *report directly to your room*. That is where you will check in at the start of your class.
4. There are no Piano warm-up rooms. Vocal and String students may warm-up/tune in the Lounge area on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
5. If you have changed your contest song, simply tell the Room Captain about the change when they collect your music.
6. Bring the original, clean music for the judge. If you have forgotten your String or Piano music, we **may** have a book to rent in the contest office. A good idea is to write your day, time, class, contestant number, and room number on the inside cover of your music. Remember, in order to receive a trophy, each student must have a clean, legible copy of the music with the measures numbered. Numbering of the first measure of each line is acceptable as are pre-numbered measures by the publisher. All solos need to be memorized.
7. Parents are only allowed to record their own child and NOT the entire class. You may also record the Award Presentation at the end of the class.
8. Every student will receive an award, either a trophy or a ribbon. Students will need to take their score sheet to the Award area on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to pick up their trophy or ribbon. .
9. Feel free to sit in and listen to different classes. However, you may only enter or leave a competition room between students. There will be advanced piano classes in Barrows Auditorium (on the first floor across from the building entrance) which we invite you to attend. This is a great place to relax while you wait.
10. There are vending machines on the lower level. Also, Downtown Wheaton has many delightful restaurants if you want a bite to eat.
11. Please leave small children at home so they will not disrupt the classes. You will be asked to remove them if they are causing a disturbance to the contestants.
12. If you encounter any problems or have any questions, please go to the contest office, Room 130, and we will be happy to assist you.
13. If a child's time overlaps with another class they are entered in, or with a sibling, we can have a student play first or last in the group to make sure they will be able to perform in each event. If siblings have mistakenly been placed in the same class, your teacher should notify us so we can remedy the situation.
14. At this point in time, there will not be any Day Changes. If a conflict has developed, you must decide which activity you would like to attend.

15. Changes because siblings' times are far apart will not be accepted. With 1200+ entries, there is no way we can check to make sure siblings' times are close together.
16. Please stop by our T-Shirt and Merchandise tables. ALL proceeds go to the IMA Scholarship Foundation.
17. **Volunteers:** We are in desperate need of volunteers to assist at this year's contest. The number of volunteers needed to allow the contest to run smoothly is incredible. As always, many volunteers are needed on Friday for set-up. We also need 2 volunteers per room to assist the students and the judge, volunteers at the Trophy and Merchandise tables, and in the contest office. Hopefully, more students, parents, and teachers will volunteer and give back to this wonderful organization. Anyone who volunteers for a full day, Friday for set-up, Saturday, or Sunday, will receive a \$20 Gift Card as a Thank You. Volunteer forms are on our website or feel free to email us at: [imacontestinfo@gmail.com](mailto:imacontestinfo@gmail.com). Many high school students need service hours. This is a wonderful way to acquire those. We're very worried that we will not receive the help needed to host this event.
18. **Winners' Recital:** For the first time, the IMA will be hosting a Winners' Recital on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. All 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will be invited to attend. This is a free event for both members and non-members. Information will be given out when picking up the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy at the Trophy table.
19. **Scoresheets:** This year, the IMA has switched to a numerical scoring system in keeping with the format of the majority of competitions. Also, the new scoresheets allow for more space for the judges to comment. In classes of 4 or less, trophies will only be awarded if the student meets the minimum score needed.
20. If you have any questions prior to the competition, please ask your teacher. If they don't have the answer, they may contact us. *We will not respond to individual parent inquiries.*

*Thank you for participating in the  
Illinois Music Association 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Olympic Competition.*