

Honor Band Members and Families,

“From Pasadena, California this is America’s new year celebration- the Rose Parade!”

We are one week away from meeting you in California! We are looking forward to your arrival, and this mailing includes the final details to prepare for your trip! We are doing everything we can to make this the best honor band experience possible, and you can help us by reading this mailing carefully.

### **Tournament of Roses Medical Release Form**

The Tournament of Roses has sent us this form which we need every member to complete to march in both BandFest and the Rose Parade.

1. Visit the [form online](#).
2. Download a copy of the form – Save the file as “LAST NAME\_FIRST NAME”
3. Complete the form, and save again.
4. **Email your completed form to [tournament@musicforall.org](mailto:tournament@musicforall.org) by December 26, 2025.**

### **Last Week to Prepare**

**Sunday 12/21 Online Rehearsal** - Students will go through a virtual rehearsal with Mr. Saucedo.

Time: Dec 21, 2025 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Join the meeting](#). Passcode: 26TOR

**Music Dropbox folder** - Please be sure to use the mp3 files in the Dropbox folder to aid in your last week of practice. There are audio tracks with metronome clicks, both at slower and performance tempos.

[DROPBOX LINK](#).

**Physical Preparedness-** We know that it’s a break from school and your normal lives, but keeping your body moving is the only way you can guarantee that you’ll be able to march the full length of the parade. Even though the parade is advertised as 5.5 miles long, from the starting line to the finish point is closer to 7 miles. That’s 12,320 yards, or 19,712 – 8 to 5 steps.

If band members must drop out of the parade, for whatever reason, they will not be allowed to rejoin the band, per the Tournament of Roses policy. Therefore, we encourage you to keep your body moving this week!

**Final Packet** - Our Final Packet has been posted online. This includes lots of information about your arrival, a packing list, and more. [Read online](#).

## **HOLIDAY HOURS AND EVENT HOTLINE**

The Music for All office will be closed for the Holiday Season starting at 5 PM on Monday, December 22. Email is the best way to reach us. The [tournament@musicforall.org](mailto:tournament@musicforall.org) email will be checked daily.

Starting at 5:00 pm EST on December 25 the **MFA Event Hotline – (877) 643-6043** will be available if you must reach a MFA staff member prior to your departure for California.

## **EMERGENCIES OR TRAVEL PROBLEMS**

**If you experience flight DELAYS, there is no need to contact us.** We have your flight information and will be checking on the status of flights. The shuttle will be available for students to ride, even if they experience flight delays.

**If your flight is cancelled or you are rebooked, PLEASE CALL THE MFA EVENT**

**HOTLINE – (877) 643-6043** - when you have a new flight number to update us with. Please be as specific as possible with which airport you are flying into, the airline, and the new flight number. Staff members will be monitoring flights and monitoring shuttle manifest to ensure a smooth transfer to the hotel.

We hope that you and your families have a happy holiday, and we will see you in California,  
Music for All Staff