

# Babylon Schools Music Department

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ANGELA TURK – DIRECTOR OF FINE ARTS

NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival 2018

January 2018

Dear Music Students and Parents:

Each year the New York State School Music Association, known to us as NYSSMA, organizes a series of solo festivals for the music students of the State of New York. This festival, which has an annual participation of over 100,000 students throughout the state, provides excellent educational feedback for the student and becomes an integral part of county, state, and national honor ensemble recommendations and acceptances. All Babylon music students are encouraged to participate in this year's NYSSMA Festival to be held on May 4th & 5th, 2018 at Lindenhurst High School. *Please note that all Jazz, Drum Set, and Guitar solos will take place at the West Islip festival on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.*

Students who are interested in participating in the NYSSMA Festival should select an appropriate solo from the NYSSMA manual with the help of their school or private music teacher, which they will prepare and perform at the festival. **Please note that your school music teacher is responsible for registering your child for the festival and selecting an appropriate level solo if he/she does not have a private music teacher.** NYSSMA solo preparation is not worked on during in-school lessons or instrumental rehearsals. Solo preparation is the responsibility of the student to be worked on outside of school. The help of a private music teacher is highly recommended. Due to copyright laws, students must obtain two original copies of their solo; photocopies are expressly forbidden. In addition, students will be expected to perform various scales (for wind, brass, string, and tuned percussion instruments) or rudiments (for un-tuned percussion instruments), as well as perform a short sight reading example. Each student will be graded on a scale determined by their instrument and level and given a numerical grade as well as an overall rating.

Please note that vocal students and All-State level participants will require a piano accompaniment for their solo. It is the students' responsibility to arrange for their accompanist. This should be done through their private teacher (if applicable) or with the help of their school music teacher. Vocal students who are not doing an All-State audition may use a recorded accompaniment (WITHOUT VOCALS), but must provide a CD or Cassette player to be used at the festival.

*All* students will be tested for proficiency prior to the festival, by their school music teacher. Those students who are not adequately prepared for the festival will be asked not to participate and no refunds will be given.

All participating students should fill out the attached form and return it with payment to their school music teacher before Friday, February 9th, 2018. **Please make all checks payable to BHS Music and put "NYSSMA 2018" in the memo section of the check. Cash payments will not be accepted.**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your student's music teacher or myself at 893-7909.

Sincerely,

Angela Turk  
Director of Fine Arts &  
The Music Department Staff

# BABYLON SCHOOLS 2018 NYSSMA SOLO & ENSEMBLE REGISTRATION FORM

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Private Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Private Teacher's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Music Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Accompanist's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## SOLO INFORMATION

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a Jazz Solo? Yes No  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Composer: \_\_\_\_\_ Manual Page: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arranger: \_\_\_\_\_ Required Movements: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

**PLEASE ENCLOSE PAYMENT FOR ONLY THE SOLO LISTED ABOVE**

<b>Level I-IV</b>	<b>Level V-VI</b>	<b>All State</b>
<b>\$16.00</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

Are you doing more than one solo?      Yes      No

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:**

Please make checks payable to **BHS Music** and put "NYSSMA 2018" in the memo section.  
**CASH PAYMENTS NOT ACCEPTED**

## SCHEDULING INFORMATION

### SCHEDULING PREFERENCE:

<b>1st Choice:</b> _____ Friday Afternoon _____ Friday Night _____ Saturday Early Morning _____ Saturday Mid-Day _____ Saturday Afternoon	<b>2nd Choice:</b> _____ Friday Afternoon _____ Friday Night _____ Saturday Early Morning _____ Saturday Mid-Day _____ Saturday Afternoon
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### PLEASE LIST ANY SIBLINGS WHO ARE ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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*Please note that we will attempt to honor your scheduling requests as best that we can. Please understand that due to the size of the festival and the number of students participating, we may be unable to honor your request.*

## DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

Payment rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Ck. Num: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. Comp.: \_\_\_\_\_

# BABYLON SCHOOLS 2018 NYSSMA PIANO ONLY REGISTRATION FORM

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Private Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Private Teacher's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Music Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

## SOLO INFORMATION

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a Jazz Solo?    Yes    No  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Composer: \_\_\_\_\_ Manual Page: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arranger: \_\_\_\_\_ Required Movements: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

PLEASE ENCLOSE PAYMENT FOR ONLY THE SOLO LISTED ABOVE

**Level I-IV**  
\$22.00

**Level V-VI**  
\$30.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

Please make checks payable to BHS Music  
and put "NYSSMA 2018" in the memo section  
**CASH PAYMENTS NOT ACCEPTED**

Are you doing more than one solo?    Yes    No

## SCHEDULING INFORMATION

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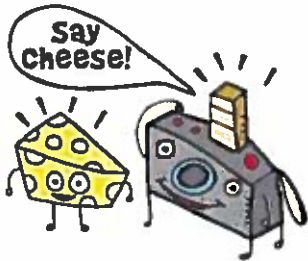
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# SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Preparations for the Babylon Grade School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook have begun. The yearbook is a gift for each 6<sup>th</sup> grader from the Babylon K-6 PTA. The cost of the project is paid through the sale of yearbook boosters and business ads along with general fundraising efforts. The yearbook is created by parent volunteers along with the help of all parents via photo and booster submissions. Please review the information below and thank you for your help in creating a great keepsake for our children.



## PHOTOS

Photo submissions are done electronically via Pictavo Community. The photo upload is done via the Pictavo Community web site at <http://community.pictavo.com> or through the Pictavo Community app available through Google Play or the Apple App Store. You will need to create an account in order to upload your photos. The school ID is 73017. You will have to supply a valid email and then verify your account through the email sent from Pictavo Community.

We are looking for photos of your children with classmates in school activities for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. The photos should not contain other age groups or family members. Field trips, class parties, field days, concerts, sporting events and scouting are some examples.

When you upload your photos use the category that best fits your photo and include names of the students in group along with date of the photo.

## BOOSTER MESSAGES

Yearbook boosters are a great way to send special messages to your 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Students always enjoy finding a message written especially for them. Boosters can be no longer than 100 characters. Each booster is \$5 and can be purchased through the Babylon PTA web site or by completing the form below and putting it in the PTA mailbox in the main office of the Grade School along with payment.



### Online Instructions:

1. Login on the [www.BabylonPTA.org](http://www.BabylonPTA.org) website and select the School Store option on top.
2. Select Add to the right of the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Personal Boosters option.
3. Enter the number of booster messages – doing all at once will avoid additional surcharges and select the Checkout button.
4. On the Checkout screen enter payment information along with the student's teacher, student's name and booster message(s) in the Additional Information box.

Example: Ryan - We're so proud of you! We know you'll do a great job at Babylon JHS! -Love, Mom & Dad



## BUSINESS BOOSTER ADS

Business Booster Ads are an important piece in helping the PTA continue the tradition of providing yearbook to our student at no charge. The price of a business card ad is \$50. Other size ads and formats are also available. Please contact Susan Schlusser-Womack or Jodi Dee for more information.

## DEADLINES AND CONTACT INFO

Submission deadline for Photo uploads, Booster Messages and Business Ads is **1/31/18**. We will use photos as we receive them so send yours as quick as possible for consideration. If you have any questions please contact us:

- \* Susan Schlusser-Womack email: [sschlusser@gmail.com](mailto:sschlusser@gmail.com) text: 631-897-9380
- \* Jodi Dee email: [jodimdee@yahoo.com](mailto:jodimdee@yahoo.com) text: 516-982-8555

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## BOOSTER MESSAGE

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Booster Message:

# Babylon Union Free School District



Daniel D'Amico  
Assistant Superintendent

Linda J. Rozzi  
Superintendent of Schools

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50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York 11702  
Phone (631) 893-7924  
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December 7, 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians:

The NYS English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment will be administered April 11-13, and the NYS Mathematics Assessment will be administered May 1-3. The NYS Science Assessment (Grades 4 and 8 only) will be administered on May 23rd (Performance Assessment) and June 4th (Written Assessment). We encourage all students to participate in the NYSED assessment program. While no one data point can ever provide a complete picture of a student, the data produced from these assessments is useful in helping us to evaluate the effectiveness of our programs and practices and to measure the growth of our students.

We do also understand and recognize that in recent years some families have chosen to not participate in the NYSED assessment program. This year, to properly plan and to best provide an environment that meets the needs of all of our students we are asking that you communicate your intent to us using the survey below.

Please check any appropriate options below and return the completed form back to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Please complete a separate form for each child in your family.

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## New York State Assessment Participation

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom/Homeroom Teacher (3-8): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will not participate in the New York State Assessments in English/Language Arts

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will not participate in the New York State Assessments in Mathematics

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will not participate in the New York State Assessment in Science (grades 4 and 8 only)

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will not participate in the New York State Field Tests

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return this form (through your child's teacher) to the building Principal as soon as possible.  
If, at this time, you plan to have your child participate in the assessments, there is no need to return this form.***

**\*\*\*This is a K-6 event\*\*\***



## **There are two shows for twice the fun**

**When: Friday February 2<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**5:30pm (Grades K-2), 7pm (Grades 3-6)**

**Where: Rowe Hall, Babylon High School**

**What: Lipsync and dance to a favorite song for the audience**

**Here's what you need to know:**

- **Groups must have at least 3 Babylon students**
- **Students must be from grades K-6**
- **Songs and dress must be appropriate for school sponsored event**
- **Songs must be shorter than 3 minutes**
- **Songs will be accepted from Dec 8-Jan 19 on a first come basis, final approval will not be given until the actual version is submitted free of foul language. All requests should be done via email.**
- **All correspondence is done via email**
- **All groups must attend the rehearsal on Tuesday January 30 from 3-5pm at Rowe Hall**

To register, contact Christine Graham at [cmg989@yahoo.com](mailto:cmg989@yahoo.com). Please reference "Lipsync K-2 or Lipsync 3-6" in the subject line and include parent name, contact email and phone number.

You will receive a response within one to two days with additional instructions. If email is not available call Christine Graham at 671-9939.

Here's to another exciting and entertaining year!



**Christine Graham**  
Babylon K-6 PTA  
Lip Sync Chairperson



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SOUPER BOWL of CARING COOK-OFF

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018  
Babylon Junior Senior High School

## ENTRY FORM

### Cook-Off Categories:

- ❖ Chili (hot, medium, mild and vegetarian)
- ❖ Soup (chowder or soup)

### Cake -Off Categories:

- ❖ Cakes will be judged for design and taste separately

## The Cook-Off Starts @ 12 noon

NAME of TEAM:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE NUMBER:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
NAME OF DISH:	
NAME OF HEAD COOK:	
TEAM MEMBERS:	

- All entries must be prepared at home/offsite and brought to the BHS cafeteria on the day of the contest, Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> between **10:30 and 11:30am**
- There will be a prize for Judges Favorite and the grand prize, "People's Choice" Award.
- Please send a copy of your recipe for the "Souper Bowl of Caring Cookbook" by email
- Contestants must have a list of ingredients for their chili/soup posted for those with food allergies. If you have a special topping (cheese, sour cream, crackers, etc) to enhance your chili/soup's flavor, you will need to supply those as well.
- Contestants are asked to bring at least 2 gallons of chili/soup in a crock pot or aluminum 1/2 tray pan.
- Please no Tupperware, casserole dishes or glassware.

Please send application by **Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2018** to:  
Souper Bowl of Caring Cook-off Entry  
Mrs. Jen Mangone, Assistant Principal  
50 RAILROAD AVE, BABYLON NY 11702  
Tel. # 631-893-7911  
Email: [jmangone@babylonufsd.com](mailto:jmangone@babylonufsd.com)

All Proceeds will go to:

  
Children's Cancer  
Research Fund®

# **K-6 “Parent University”**

## **SAVE THE DATE**



**Date:** Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Place:** Babylon Junior~Senior High School

“Parent University” will be an informative evening providing our K-6 parents the opportunity to participate in a variety of adult workshops geared to parenting elementary school-age children. All keynote speakers and breakout workshops offered were developed based on feedback from a parent survey administered last spring by the District Shared Decision Making Team. More specific information on the evening’s events will follow in January. Please “Save the Date” and come prepared to learn and share!





# 7-12 “Parent University”

## SAVE THE DATE



**Date:** Thursday, February 1, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Place:** Babylon Junior~Senior High School

“Parent University” will be an informative evening providing our 7-12 parents the opportunity to participate in a variety of adult workshops geared to parenting today’s teens. All keynote speakers and breakout workshops offered were developed based on feedback from a parent survey administered last spring by the District Shared Decision Making Team. More specific information on the evening’s events will follow in January. Please “Save the Date” and come prepared to learn and share!



# February Children's Room Classes

Registration for February programs will begin on Tuesday, January 2nd at 9:30am, either in person, by phone or online, with your child's Babylon library card. Please note age requirements.

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

*Out of district residents may register for programs with an asterisk(\*) two weeks after registration has begun. In person only. Using a child's library card.*

## \*My First Storytime

6 to 23 mos. with parent/caregiver  
Fridays, February 2, 9-10-11am  
Stories. Songs. Play.

## \*Get-Along Gang

For 3s, 4s, 5s not yet in Kindergarten  
Wednesdays, February 7, 14-1-1:45pm  
Stories. Crafts.

## Drop-in and Play

For 6 to 23mos with parent/caregiver  
Friday, February 16-10am-12pm  
Play. Play. Play.

## Colorama (no registration required)

For families with kids up to 5th grade  
February 21-11am-12pm

## \*Beauty and the Beast Movie and Royal Tea Party

For families with kids up to 5th grade  
February 23rd-2-3:30pm  
Tea. Treats. Movie.

## \*Inchworms

2s & 3s with parent/caregiver  
Mondays, February 5, 12-10-10:30am  
Stories. Crafts. Music.

## \*Zumbini

For 3 mos. to 4 years with parent/caregiver  
Thursday, February 8-10:30-11:30am  
Dance. Music. Play.

## \*Drop-in Lego

For 4yrs to 5th grade  
Tuesday, February 20-11am-12pm  
Build. Create.

## \*Pinterest Club

For all ages up to 5th grade  
February 22-11am-12:30pm  
Craft. Crafts. Crafty.

