February 28, 2019

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to announce that the BRASS Ring will be held on Saturday, April 27th, 2019 at St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church. In case you are not familiar with it, the BRASS Ring is a competition for students in the 4th through 12th grades who sing, play piano, string, or wind instrument.

We will again sponsor a “Winners Recital,” held at St. Paul’s by-the-Sea, which will feature first and second place winners in divisions I and II. The overall First Prize winner will be named the **2019 BRASS/Jacksonville Symphony Music** **Scholar**.

**This year’s BRASS Ring will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Jacksonville Beach from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Eligibility - Students who reside in Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, Jacksonville Beach, Ponte Vedra Beach, OR attend Fletcher High School, Fletcher Middle School, Atlantic Beach Elementary (4th and above), Jacksonville Beach Elementary (4th and above) Ocean Palms Elementary (4th and above), Neptune Beach Elementary (4thand above) Ponte Vedra High School, Allen D. Nease High School, Valley Ridge Academy (4th and above),Landrum Middle School, or PV/PV-Rawlings Elementary (4th and above), as well as all private schools in the Beaches area.**

**Age Groups**

**Division I – 11th – 12th grade**

**Division II – 9th – 10th grade**

**Division III - 7th - 8th grade**

**Division IV – 4th – 6th grade**

**Categories**

**Piano, Voice, String Instrument, or Wind Instrument. Depending on the number of entries, string and wind instruments may be combined to Orchestral Instruments.**

**Prizes – There will be a first and second prize in each category division, as well as a Grand Prize Winner. All winners will play in winners recitals to be announced shortly.**

**The Grand Prize Winner will receive a $500 scholarship to be used for musical pursuits and will play or sing at the BRASS Annual Dinner at the Convention Center of the Ponte Vedra Club on Sunday, May 5. The Grand Prize Winner will be named 2016 BRASS/Jacksonville Symphony Music Scholar.**

**Adjudication – The competition will be judged by area professional musicians. All contestants will receive comments from the judges.**

**Registration Fee and Deadline - $20, $15 for BRASS-member families. Families with more than one applicant will be charged only $10 for each additional applicant.**

**The deadline for applications is Friday, April 12. Applications and rules and regulations are attached and will bej available at brassonline.org**

Please let your students know of this fantastic opportunity! Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Musically Yours,

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