

ILMEA District Festival Information
Saturday, November 9
Olivet Nazarene University

- The bus to ONU will be *leaving* NCHS at **6:00 AM**. You can park in the faculty lot or behind the building. Do not be late!
- You will be rehearsing in the auditorium at Larson Fine Arts Center. Rehearsal begins at 8:30 am.
- You need your **music, pencil, instrument and folding music stand**. ***Cellos and basses must also have a rock stop!!! Basses should also bring a stool from school.*** Make sure you have all three pieces of music.
- You can wear whatever you want for rehearsal, but “formal attire” is expected for the concert. A nice dress/skirt, dress pants, dress shirt, tie, etc. are appropriate. However, keep in mind, orchestra folk typically gravitate to black. While you totally CAN wear a bright color, you might be the only one in your section... You can spend the whole day in your performance outfit if you would like - it's up to you! You will have to change clothes in a restroom at some point during the day.
- **Lunch Details:** You'll get a paper ticket from me the day of the festival and we'll all walk over to lunch together. Lunch is from 11:30-12:30 pm in the ONU student cafeteria. The food is good and there are lots of options.
- The concert is at 4:30 pm in Centennial Chapel. The orchestra is the 2nd ensemble to perform.
- **There is a spectator fee for those who come to watch the performance, and is only available online.** All non-performing family members must purchase tickets to watch the concert. They are \$6 per person. [Click here to purchase concert tickets](#) (performing students do NOT need tickets to the concert). Look for the November 9 District 3 Festival at ONU in Bourbonnais.
- **You MUST be at ALL rehearsals at ALL times for this weekend. If you are late or absent you will lose your place in the All-State rankings. Do NOT be late!**
- Directions to campus for parents are included on the back of this page.
- Because this is an honors-level event, we are assuming that members of your family will be attending the concert and taking you home. Mr. L will be driving up a white activity bus in case anyone needs a ride home - we will stop for fast food on the way back and should be home between 8-9 pm. ***Please let me know ASAP if you need a ride home so I can plan for you.***
- **ILMEA MERCHANDISE LINK**
<https://2024-ilmea-all-state-merchandise.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

I'm looking forward to a great day at the festival! If you need help during the day, my cell phone number is 309-256-8533.

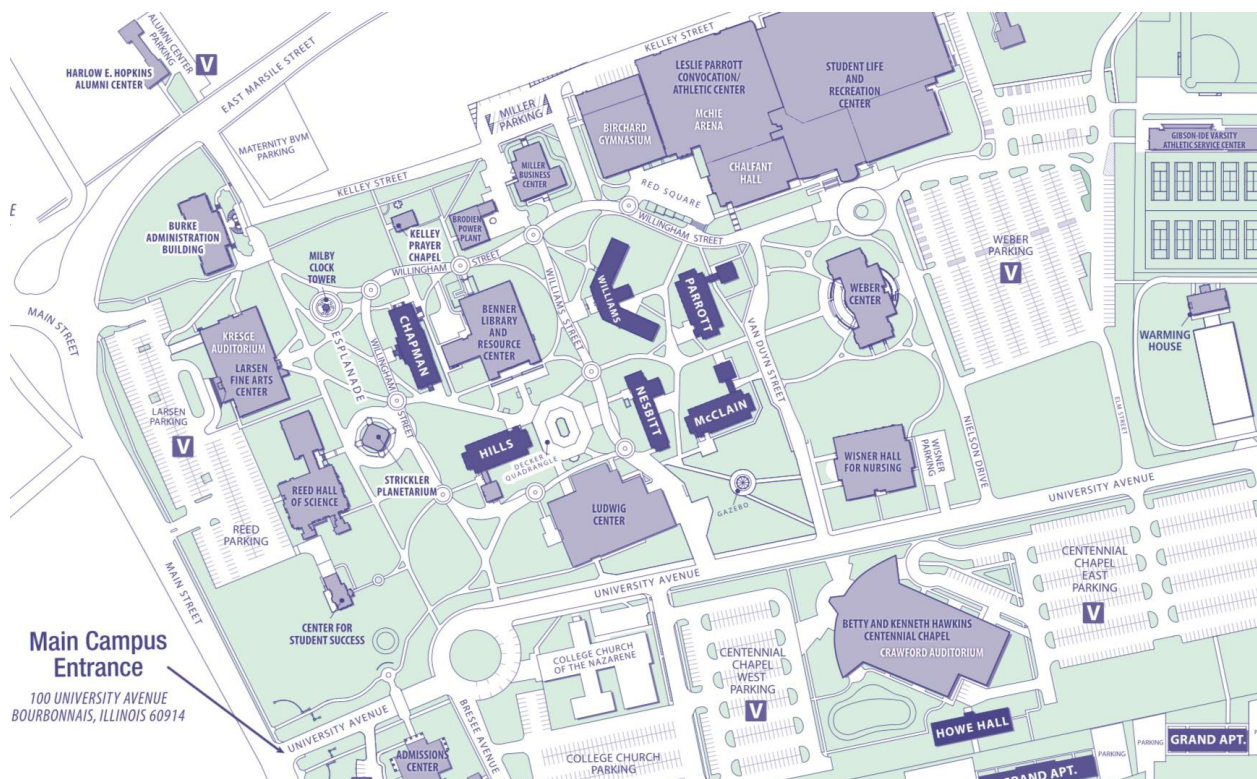
Directions to Olivet Nazarene University

Address for GPS: 1 University Ave, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Drive Time: Approximately 90 minutes – budget a minimum of 2 hours for any construction or traffic.

ONU Campus Map: visit www.olivet.edu/campus-map/

- Take I-55 north to the IL Route 17 exit in Dwight, **Exit 217**
- Head east on Route 17 through Dwight and towards Kankakee, approximately 30 miles
- When you get into Kankakee, turn left onto US Routes 45 & 52 (Kennedy Drive) – it will be right after you cross the river.
- Follow this road a mile or 2 through town up to University Avenue, on your right. This is the main entrance to ONU, and you can't miss it.
- Once you get into campus, you will see a roundabout. Stay on University Avenue (towards the left of the roundabout) and drive past College Church of the Nazarene. Behind this church is Centennial Chapel – a large building with a tall steeple. You can park anywhere around the chapel for free.



ILLINOIS MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

District 3 Concert Festival Olivet Nazarene University, Host
Saturday, November 9th, 2024

- 7:45 AM Check In and Lunch Ticket Payments in Centennial Chapel Lobby
- 8:00 AM Seating - *Free Parking will be available near each building.*
-Jr Orchestra Centennial Chapel Stage
-Sr Orchestra Larsen Fine Arts Center Auditorium
-Jr Chorus Wisner Hall Auditorium
-Sr Chorus College Church Sanctuary
-Jr Band College Church, Fellowship Hall
-Sr Band Chalfant Hall
-El. Chorus Birchard Gym - Parrott Convocation
- 8:30 AM Rehearsals Begin
- 9:15 AM Division Meetings in Larsen Fine Arts Center
Orchestra in **Glass Lounge**, Band in 142, Chorus in 140
- 10:00 AM Full Directors Meeting in Room 140 Larsen Fine Arts Center
- ([LUNCH TICKETS HERE](#))
- 11:00-12:00 Junior Band/Sr Chorus Lunch (Jr. Chorus change into performance attire, if needed), then return to rehearsal location
All other ensembles return to rehearsal location after lunch
- 11:15-12:15 Jr Chorus/Sr Bands Lunch
- 11:30-12:30 Sr Orchestra Lunch
- 12:00-1:00 Jr. Orchestra Lunch
- NOTE: Tickets for any concert are good for the whole day***
- 12:00 Elementary Chorus Concert in Birchard Gym
\$6 Admission ([Get Tickets Here](#))
- 12:30 Junior Chorus Dress Rehearsal on Centennial Chapel Stage
- 1:00 Move Band Equipment to Chapel and Begin Setting Up Band Seating
- 1:30 Clear Stage for Concert. Jr. Chorus return to Centennial.
- 2:00 PM Junior Concert in Centennial Chapel - \$6 Admission ([Get Tickets Here](#))
Concert Order: Jr. Band, Jr. Orchestra, Jr. Chorus
- 3:30 Chorus Dress Rehearsal beginning after the Junior Concert
- 4:00 Clear Stage for Concert
- 4:30 PM Senior Concert in Centennial Chapel - \$6 Admission ([Get Tickets Here](#))
Concert Order: Sr. Chorus, Sr. Orchestra, Sr. Band