

March 24, 2024

Greetings, South Texas NATS Colleagues,

We are extremely excited to host the South Texas NATS auditions on Saturday, April 13. Below, you will find information to help you plan for your trip. We will be in the School of Music Education Complex for 95% of our activities on the day of Auditions. For announcements for semifinalists/finalists (usually after the business meeting) and for the winners announcements we will be in Jones Auditorium, right next door, about a 2 minute walk from the School of Music Building. Since many of you have not been to our building before, the following notes may help you prepare yourselves and your students:

- All audition rooms will have acoustic pianos.
- All audition rooms are performance halls, classrooms, or rehearsal halls (no studios).
- The building has two elevators, and is two stories with three different stairways.
- 8 audition rooms will be on the ground floor, 3 on the second floor.
- The building is fully ADA accessible.
- We have large multi-stall restrooms on the 1st and 2nd floors, plus 2 single stall non-gendered bathrooms.
- We have a mother's room on the 2nd floor.
- There are two fun places for you to take studio pics, a) on the main staircase and b) in front of our TAMUK photobooth wall. Plan ahead to capture those shots!

**Campus Map and Parking:** <https://www.tamuk.edu/maps/> The School of Music Education Complex is on the Southeast corner of the map, on the corner of Armstrong and Santa Gertrudis.

- There is a parking lot directly across from the School of Music building street with about 50 spaces, and street parking as well. All parking is free. If by some weird chance you get a ticket, just let me know. Campus police has been told about our event and not to ticket. If all of that parking is taken, there is a nice sized lot on the right side of Armstrong across from the Engineering building, or behind the Student Union.
- If you are bringing a large group of students in a van or a bus, you can drop them off directly in front of the building on Armstrong, there is a cutout on the road to allow for dropoffs. Large vans (that won't fit in regular parking spots) and busses can be parked at football stadium (about a 5 minute walk from the School of Music), also on Armstrong.
- We have quite a bit of construction going on around campus, due to our upcoming 100th anniversary next school year. Please pardon our dust! And some paths to the music building are a couple of hundred yards further than usual.

**Food Within Walking Distance of Campus:**

- El Tapatio (Tex-Mex)  
Address: 630 W. Santa Gertrudis St., Kingsville, TX 78363  
Phone: (361) 516-1655  
.2 miles to the music building

- La Huasteca (Mexican drinks and snacks, as well as sandwiches/soups)  
Address: 620 N. Armstrong St., Kingsville, TX 78363  
(Directly catty-corner to the Music Building)
- Subway Sandwiches  
Address: 709 W. Santa Gertrudis St. Suite C, Kingsville, TX 78363  
.2 miles to the music building
- Young's Pizza (Pizza as well as Bar and Grill Food)  
Address: 625 W. Santa Gertrudis St., Kingsville, TX 78363  
Phone: (361) 592-9179  
.2 miles to the music building

**Memorial Student Union Food, about a 6 minute walk from the Music Building:**

- Chick-Fil-A–Sat. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Starbucks–Sat. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Hotels**

- LaQuinta Inn & Suites  
Address: 2151 S. Hwy 77, Kingsville, TX 78363  
Phone: (361) 592-3000  
<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/kingsville-texas/la-quinta-kingsville/overview?CID=LC:6ysy27krtpcrqev:53199&iata=00093796>
- Holiday Inn Express  
Address: 2400 S. Hwy 77, Kingsville, TX 78363  
Phone: (361) 592-3097  
[https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/kingsville/kgvgc/hoteldetail?cm\\_mmc=GoogleMaps--EX--US--KGVGC](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/kingsville/kgvgc/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--EX--US--KGVGC)

If your students or families want to tour around Kingsville a bit, downtown Kingsville has some charming shops and lunch places, and is only a 5 minute drive from the university. The King Ranch (yes! THAT King Ranch has a neat store down there as well!

Best wishes for your final preparations, and we will see you here in about 2.5 weeks!

Sincerely,



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