

Howard County Middle School G/T Band
Lori Schwartz Reichl and Andrew Spang, Co-Directors

Howard County Middle School Honors Band
Brent Flinchbaugh and Adam Hunter, Co-Directors

Dear Parents/Guardians of Student Musicians:

The *Howard County Middle School Gifted & Talented Band* and the *Howard County Middle School Honors Band* are countywide musical opportunities for middle school band students who excel in their school band programs. Your child has been nominated to audition for one of these enrichment bands based on his/her demonstration of excellent musical skills and cooperation in his/her home school band program.

Please read and **initial** the following details:

_____ I understand that we are registering to audition for the **Howard County Middle School Gifted & Talented Band** and the **Howard County Middle School Honors Band** and as such I am making a primary commitment to attend **all** rehearsals and the concert for their **full duration**.

_____ I understand that parents will be responsible for transportation to and from all rehearsals and that **students must be at all rehearsals on time and picked up on time**.

_____ **Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory!** Please compare the band schedules of both GT Band and Honors Band listed on pages two and three with your calendar to check for conflicts *before* registering.

_____ It is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to transport their child to and from all rehearsals and the performance.

_____ Students selected for either band are expected to participate and to come prepared for each rehearsal.

_____ Students selected for either band will be assessed a \$95 fee to cover costs of the music and conductors' fees.

_____ **All GT/Honors Band candidates must audition.** There will be one audition date and site. Audition requirements are the same for both bands.

_____ **Audition Requirements:** Audition performance requirements are the same as for Maryland Junior All State Band. Your school band director has copies of the All State requirements. Audition requirements may also be found at: www.mmea-maryland.org In addition, preparatory information may be found at:

<http://reichl.webs.com/hcpssmsgthonorsband.htm> Please be sure that you have original **published** copies of the audition music for the audition. Photocopies or downloaded music will not be permitted at the audition.

Audition Date: Monday, November 9, 2015

Audition Site: Mayfield Woods MS, 7950 Red Barn Way, Elkridge, MD 21075

Audition Times: 4:30 – 8:30 pm *

* **Note:** All flute and clarinet players must be available to audition in the finals room. Based on judges' scores, the student may be asked to proceed to the finals room. This could take up to an additional 45 minutes.

Notification: Band directors will receive students' audition times by Friday, October 23.

Request: Parents are requested to wait in the hallway during the audition.

REGISTRATION: To register your child for an audition time, please complete the **Registration Form** and *return it to your school band director by Friday, October 9th*. The director will make a copy of the form and return it to you. This is a confirmation the form was received. **Students must bring this copy of the registration form to the audition.**

Rehearsal and Performance Schedule for GT Band

* Please note the change in rehearsal format.

Co-Directors: Lori Schwartz Reichl, Thomas Viaduct Middle School
 Andrew Spang, Folly Quarter Middle School
Guest Conductor: Sally Wagner, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, *retired*

Friday, October 9	GT/Honors Band Registration	
Monday, November 9	GT/Honors Band Auditions	Mayfield Woods MS
Monday, November 16	Results Posted by this date	
after Thanksgiving	Folders to be distributed	

Monday, January 4	Rehearsal	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Folly Quarter MS
Wednesday, January 6	Rehearsal	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Folly Quarter MS
Monday, January 11	Rehearsal	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Folly Quarter MS
Tuesday, January 12	Make-up Rehearsal (Snow Date for Jan 6 or 11)	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Folly Quarter MS
Wednesday, January 13	Rehearsal	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Folly Quarter MS
Wednesday, January 20	Rehearsal	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Folly Quarter MS
Thursday, January 21	Make-up Rehearsal (Snow Date for Jan 13 or 20)	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Folly Quarter MS
Friday, January 22	Rehearsal w/Guest Conductor	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	River Hill HS
Saturday, January 23	Rehearsal w/Guest Conductor	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	River Hill HS
Sunday, January 24	DRESS REHEARSAL CONCERT w/Guest Conductor	1:45 PM 4:00 PM	River Hill HS
Monday, January 25	Concert (Snow Date #1) w/Guest Conductor Dress Rehearsal Concert	4:45 PM 7:00 PM	River Hill HS
Tuesday, January 26	Concert (Snow Date #2) w/Guest Conductor Dress Rehearsal Concert	4:45 PM 7:00 PM	River Hill HS

Rehearsal and Performance Schedule for Honors Band

** Please note the change in rehearsal format.*

Co-Directors: Brent Flinchbaugh, Clarksville Middle School
Adam Hunter, Mayfield Woods Middle School

Friday, October 9	GT/Honors Band Registration	
Monday, November 9	GT/Honors Band Auditions	Mayfield Woods MS
Tuesday, November 24	Results Posted by this date	
after Thanksgiving	Folders to be distributed	

Monday, January 4	Rehearsal	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Mayfield Woods MS
Wednesday, January 6	Rehearsal	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Mayfield Woods MS
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Wednesday, January 13	Rehearsal	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Mayfield Woods MS
Wednesday, January 20	Rehearsal	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Mayfield Woods MS
Thursday, January 21	Make-up Rehearsal (Snow Date for Jan 13 or 20)	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Mayfield Woods MS
Friday, January 22	Rehearsal	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	River Hill HS
Saturday, January 23	Rehearsal	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	River Hill HS
Sunday, January 24	DRESS REHEARSAL CONCERT	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	River Hill HS
Monday, January 25	Concert (Snow Date #1) Dress Rehearsal Concert	5:45 PM 7:00 PM	River Hill HS
Tuesday, January 26	Concert (Snow Date #2) Dress Rehearsal Concert	5:45 PM 7:00 PM	River Hill HS