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September 18, 2017

Dear Metro Band Directors;

Congratulations on your students' selection for the 2017 Metro Nashville Public Schools Honor Band! The placement auditions will be held on October 2nd, and the clinic will be held October 23rd and 24th at East High School. Please carefully read the enclosed material containing:

- Clinician information
- Director information
- Schedule
- Letter to parents with final instructions
- Meal information
- Attire
- Preparation information
- Parking information
- Permission forms
- Concert information

Clinician for the Wind Ensemble is Mrs. Cheryl Floyd

Clinician for the Symphonic Band is Ayatey Shabazz

Clinician for the Concert Band is Mr. Jason Walsh

Please add your name, cell number and school to the attached permission form. After doing so, please print the attached Parent letter and permission form and send home with every student selected for the honor band.

Director guiding norms:

You will be responsible for your students while they are at the event. Plan to attend the entire event with your students and assist with logistics at the clinic. You will receive email with assigned jobs, but if you see something that needs doing, please assist without being asked. All teachers must remain on site until your last student has departed. Please be in attendance in the rehearsals, not only to monitor student behavior, but to watch master teachers rehearse. Use this time as a professional development opportunity.

STUDENTS MUST RETURN PERMISSION FORMS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HONOR BAND. ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND EVERY REHEARSAL FOR THE ENTIRE TIME

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UNLESS SPECIAL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN **IN ADVANCE**. Bring permission forms with you to the event and turn them in at check in upon arrival. If, for any reason, a student cannot attend the honor band, please notify Valerie Harbin immediately. Participating directors should request Code 10 days for October 23 and October 24. All Directors must complete and submit a Field Trip Request form by the end of the day September 23rd.

Meal Information:

We will provide pizza for students at 4:30 on Monday afternoon. Students are to bring their lunch and a snack if desired with them on Tuesday. We will provide a snack for them during the break at 4:30 on Tuesday. Please be aware of which of your students who might need a lunch on Tuesday due to financial needs and arrange to have boxed lunches from the school cafeteria. You will need to pick up these lunches and bring them with you on Tuesday.

Student guiding norms:

We are guests at East buildings and students should behave in a manner worthy of honor band participation. Students are expected to demonstrate outstanding behavior and effort in every rehearsal. Any student demonstrating behavior deemed detrimental to other students' musical achievement may be removed from the clinic. There will be a strict ***no cell phone policy*** in effect. Any visible cell phones during rehearsal will be taken up and returned at the end of the day. Phones should be on silent during rehearsal.

Students may be present only in assigned areas and may not pass between East Middle Prep and East High School without an adult present. All other MNPS policies regarding student behavior and dress remain in effect during the event.

Emergency phone number on the day of the event: 615-772-6623

Arrival and departure information:

All student pick-up and delivery will be at the front of East High School, 110 Gallatin Road, Nashville 37206. All band directors should arrive at the school no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday and 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning. Students should arrive between 12:30-2:30 pm on Monday and 8:15-8:30 Tuesday morning, *no earlier and no later*. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 8:30 am on Tuesday. At no time should directors park in the circle. Park behind the school or in the side parking lot next to the high school.

Rehearsal and concert attire:

Rehearsal attire is the same as school dress code. Often rehearsal spaces may be cool, so we suggest that you advise your students to bring a light jacket. Concert attire is business casual or Sunday dress clothes. Students should not wear band t-shirts during the concert. We will have a place for students to leave concert attire during the day on Tuesday.

Preparation information:

Placement auditions will begin at 5:15 pm on Monday October 2nd at East Magnet School. Upon arrival, students will need to warm up quickly in assigned areas only and move directly to the audition rooms. Signs will be posted in the building. No student may play outside the specified areas. Students who break this rule will be subject to having their audition scores penalized. Please make sure your students understand that they may play ONLY in assigned areas. Wind auditions will consist of an 8 measure mid-state excerpt, chromatic scale the full range of the instrument and 8 measure sight-reading example. Percussion auditions will consist of buzz roll, chromatic scale, tuning and roll on timpani and sight-reading on all three instruments. Students may leave once their audition is complete. **Any student who does not show to this placement audition will automatically be placed in the Concert Band.**

Please be sure your students bring all equipment including instrument, music, extra reeds, valve oil, etc. with them as there will not be extra equipment on site. All students must have a pencil on their stand in every rehearsal. Chairs and stands will be provided. With the exception of bottled water, no food or drinks are allowed in the rehearsal spaces. Folders will be issued once tabulations are finished.

You will receive another email regarding specific director duty posts during audition times. *All teachers should be on duty from the time students arrive on campus until the last student departs.*

Concert information:

The concert will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, October 24 in the East Auditorium. All students are asked to remain for the entire concert. Admission is free and open to the public. Please encourage your administration and parents to attend. All students should be picked up from the concert no later than 8:00 p.m. All directors will remain after the concert to strike the stage. If we all stay until the work is done, no one will have to do more than their fair share.

Please contact me if you have any questions and thank you for your support of this outstanding opportunity for your students! We are looking forward to a great clinic!

Jason Walsh

Performing Arts Coordinator

2017 MNPS Middle School Honor Band Schedule

Monday October 2

(for ALL selected students EXCEPT 2017-18 Mid State members/alternates)

- 4:30 pm Directors and students begin arriving at East High School
Building A
- 4:45 pm Sign-in tables open in lobby
Students will sign in and receive an audition number
- 5:15 pm Auditions begin
Auditorium is for warm up and holding
All auditions will be in Building A
Students are free to leave once they have finished their audition
- 7:30 pm Sign In table closes
- 7:45 pm Audition rooms close and tabulations begin
- 8:00 pm Directors remain on site and pick up folders for ALL your
students before leaving

Monday, October 23

1:00 -1:30 pm All students arrive at East High School

Wind Ensemble	Symphonic Band	Concert Band
1:30 pm Café B for sign in and to receive audition #	1:45 pm Rehearsal Auditorium A	1:45 pm Rehearsal Auditorium B
3:15 pm Rehearsal for Wind Ensemble in band room	4:30 pm Pizza dinner	4:30 pm Pizza dinner
4:30 pm Pizza dinner	5:45 pm Rehearsal Auditorium A	5:45 pm Rehearsal Auditorium B
5:45 pm Rehearsal Band Room Building B	7:50 pm Announcements and dismissal	7:50 pm Announcements and dismissal
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8:15 pm All students have departed, directors may leave when their students have departed

Tuesday, October 24

8:15 am Students begin arriving in front circle at East High School

8:30 am Rehearsal begins

Wind Ensemble - Auditorium A
Symphonic Band - Band Room Building B
Concert Band – Auditorium B

Noon Lunch (Students are responsible for bringing their own lunch)

1:00 pm Rehearsals begin

4:30 pm Rehearsal concludes, snack, change clothes, prepare for concert

6:00 pm MNPS Middle School Honor Concerts - Auditorium A

8:15 pm All students have been picked up by their parents, directors remain until all equipment is returned and all sites are cleared