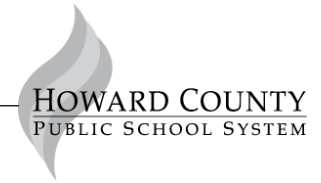


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Howard County Middle School G/T Band
Jeffrey Brodie and Shelly Williams, Coordinators

Howard County Middle School Honors Band
Lori Reichl and David Smith, co-Directors

Dear Parents/Guardians of Student Musicians:

The *Howard County Middle School Gifted and 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 selected to audition for one of these enrichment groups based on his/her demonstration of excellent music 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 and Talented Band* and the *Howard County Middle School Honors Band*.

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

_____ **Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory!** (Please compare the band schedules listed on page two with your calendar to check for conflicts before registering.)

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

_____ Students selected for either group will be assessed a \$55 fee to cover costs of the music and conductors' fees.

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

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

_____ **Audition Date:** Tuesday, October 4, 2011

_____ **Audition Site:** Mount View Middle School, 12101 Woodford Rd, Marriottsville, MD

_____ **Audition Times:** 3:30 – 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 on or before Sept. 16th.

_____ **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 September 9th**. The director will make a copy of the form and return it to you. This is a confirmation that the form was received. **Students must bring this copy of the registration form to the audition.**

Rehearsal and Performance Schedules

G/T Band: *Coordinators:* Mr. Jeff Brodie & Ms. Shelly Williams
Guest Conductor: Mr. Clint Marshall

Tuesday, October 4	GT Band/Honors Band Auditions	3:30 – 8:30 PM	Mount View MS
Tuesday, October 25	Rehearsal	4:30 – 7:00 PM	Mount View MS
Thursday, October 27	Rehearsal	4:30 – 7:00 PM	Mount View MS
Thursday, November 3	Rehearsal	4:30 – 7:00 PM	TBD
Friday, November 4	Rehearsal	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	TBD
Saturday, November 5	Dress Rehearsal	8:00-9:30 AM	TBD
Saturday, November 5	Concert	7:30 PM	TBD

Honors Band: *Co-Directors:* Mrs. Lori Reichl & Mr. David Smith

Tuesday, October 4	GT Band/Honors Band Auditions	3:30 – 8:30 pm	Mount View MS
Friday, November 4	Selection of Honors Band Members	(Music delivered to students by 11/19/10)	
Tuesday, January 10	Rehearsal	4:30 – 7:00 pm	Oakland Mills MS
Thursday, January 12	Rehearsal	4:30 – 7:00 pm	Oakland Mills MS
Tuesday, January 17	Rehearsal	4:30 – 7:00 pm	Oakland Mills MS
Thursday, January 19	Rehearsal	4:30 – 7:00 pm	Oakland Mills MS
Monday, January 23	Rehearsal/Master Class	9:00 – 2:00 pm	Oakland Mills MS
Wednesday, January 25	Rehearsal	4:30 – 7:00 pm	Oakland Mills MS
Friday, January 27	Rehearsal	4:30 – 7:00 pm	Oakland Mills MS
Sunday, January 29	Dress Rehearsal & Concert	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Howard Community College Horowitz Visual & Performing Arts Center Smith Theatre
Tuesday, January 30	1 st Possible Snow Make-Up Dress Rehearsal/Concert	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	HCC – Smith Theatre
Thursday, February 2	2 nd Possible Snow Make-Up Dress Rehearsal/Concert	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	HCC – Smith Theatre

Questions: Please contact Mr. Jeff Brodie at 410-480-9574 or Ms. Shelly Williams at 410-313-5545 for questions regarding the Audition Process or for the GT Band Schedule.

Please contact Mrs. Lori Reichl at 410-313-6937 or Mr. David Smith at 410-313-7057 for questions regarding the Honors Band Schedule.