

ATTENTION... MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND MUSICIANS

The **HCPSS Middle School Gifted & Talented Band** and the **HCPSS Middle School Honors Band** are countywide musical opportunities for middle school band students who excel in their school band programs. All HCPSS middle school band members are encouraged to apply for this AMAZING experience. The HCPSS Middle School GT Band and Honors Band will perform in concert on **Sunday, January 21, 2018 (3:00 PM)** at **Marriotts Ridge High School**.

Howard County is host to many outstanding music programs. These programs have earned a national reputation for excellence due to the efforts of both students and directors from our elementary through high school programs. The goal of the **GT/Honors Band** is to provide a unique musical experience in Howard County for middle school band students. With the opportunity to rehearse and perform with outstanding conductors, while sitting alongside other musicians who share a deep passion and commitment to music, the **GT/Honors Band** is a "must" for all serious musicians. We encourage every director to share this musical opportunity with your finest players.

Requirements

- Applicants **MUST** be current 6th, 7th, or 8th grade students, enrolled in a HCPSS middle school.
- Applicants **MUST** be members of their school band program.
- Applicants **MUST** apply online and audition for consideration.
- Applicants **MUST** commit to the full rehearsal/performance schedule to be considered.

Guidelines

- Students are registering to audition for the **HCPSS Middle School Gifted & Talented Band** and the **HCPSS Middle School Honors Band** and as such are making a primary commitment to participate fully and actively.
- It is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to transport students to and from all rehearsals / concert and **students must attend ALL rehearsals / concert on time and be picked up on time**.
- **Attendance at all rehearsals / concert (for the full duration) is mandatory!** Please compare the GT/Honors Band schedule with your personal calendar to check for conflicts **before** registering.
- Students selected for either GT Band or Honors Band are expected to participate fully and will be responsible for music preparation prior to each rehearsal.
- **All GT/Honors Band candidates must audition.** There will be one audition date and site. Audition requirements are the same for both ensembles.

Participation Fee

Students selected to participate will be charged a fee of **\$100.00** to cover the costs associated with this program. ***All fees will be due prior to the first rehearsal!**

Audition Requirements

Audition (performance) requirements are the same as for the Maryland Junior All State Band. MMEA Junior All State audition requirements can be found by contacting your band director or by visiting www.mmea-maryland.org.

NOTE: Students should have original “**published**” copies of the audition music for the audition. Photocopies or downloaded music will not be permitted at the audition.

Audition Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2017

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

Audition Times: 4:30pm – 8:30pm

*Based on the judges’ scores, selected flute, clarinet, and trumpet students will be asked to audition in the finals room. This could take up to an additional 45 minutes.

Notification: Band directors will receive student audition times by Monday, October 16.

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

Application - Selection Process

Students can apply by logging onto www.hcpss.org/academics/fine-arts/music/ensembles. Follow the links for **Middle School GT/Honors Band - Application**. The deadline for student applications is **Wednesday, October 11, 2017**.

***The HCPSS Middle School GT Band roster will be released to Directors no later than Monday, November 6, 2017. The HCPSS Middle School Honors Band roster will be released to directors following director recommendations.**

SCHEDULE

A detailed schedule is attached! Please compare the GT/Honors Band schedule with your personal calendar to check for conflicts *before* registering.

Questions? Contact the coordinators listed below for more information...

HCPSS Middle School G/T Band

M. Joseph Fischer - Ellicott Mills MS
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Andrew Spang - Folly Quarter MS
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Co-Directors

Timothy Beall - Northfield ES
Percussion Coordinator

HCPSS Middle School Honors Band

Adam Hunter - Mayfield Woods MS
adam_hunter@hcpss.org

Jonathan Sindler - Mount View MS
jonathan_sindler@hcpss.org
Co-Directors

Saul Green - Oakland Mills MS
Percussion Coordinator

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Monday, November 6	MS GT Band Announced MS Honors Band announcement to follow
Friday, December 1	Participant Forms/Fees Due!

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Wednesday, January 3	5:00pm - 7:30pm	Rehearsal	Folly Quarter MS
	*Registration begins at 4:15pm		
Thursday, January 4	5:00pm - 7:30pm	Rehearsal	Folly Quarter MS
	*Inclement Weather Make-Up rehearsal for 1/3 (If necessary!)		
Monday, January 8	5:00pm - 7:30pm	Rehearsal	Folly Quarter MS
Wednesday, January 10	5:00pm - 7:30pm	Rehearsal	Folly Quarter MS
Thursday, January 11	5:00pm - 7:30pm	Rehearsal	Folly Quarter MS
	*Inclement Weather Make-Up rehearsal for 1/8 or 1/10 (If necessary!)		
Wednesday, January 17	5:00pm - 7:30pm	Rehearsal	Folly Quarter MS
Thursday, January 18	5:00pm - 7:30pm	Rehearsal	Folly Quarter MS
	*Inclement Weather Make-Up rehearsal for 1/17 (If necessary!)		
Friday, January 19	5:00pm - 7:30pm	Rehearsal	Folly Quarter MS
Saturday, January 20	2:00pm	Dress Rehearsal	
	6:00pm	Dinner	
	7:00pm	HS Honors Band Concert	Marriotts Ridge HS
Sunday, January 21	2:00pm	Warm-Up	
	3:00pm	MS GT/Honors Band Concert	Marriotts Ridge HS

SNOW CONTINGENCY PLANS...

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