

OMEA DISTRICT XIII JUNIOR HIGH HONOR BAND AUDITION INFORMATION

Dear Liberty Junior Band Members and Parents/Guardians:

The audition information for the 2009-2010 OMEA District XIII Honor Band Auditions has arrived. Auditions will be held **Saturday, December 5, 2009**, at **Fairfield Middle School**, in **Fairfield, Ohio**, between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Students will be auditioning from Butler, Warren, Clinton, and Preble Counties. The Honor Band weekend will be held January 15, 16, and 17, 2010, at Middletown High School, in Middletown, Ohio, for those students who make the Honor Band.

General Information:

1. There will be separate 7th and 8th Grade Honor Bands.
2. **District XIII is charging each student auditioning for Honor Band a \$3.00 audition fee. This fee should be attached to the Audition Request Form and returned to the band directors by Tuesday, November 17.** Checks may be made payable to **Lakota Performing Arts**. (There will also be an approximate \$25.00 registration fee for those who are selected to perform in the Honor Band; however, that fee will not be collected until January.)
3. All students wishing to play in the Honor Band must audition in person on December 5. Because of the competitive nature of this event, students who are ill or have other conflicts will not be able to audition at a later date.
4. Students selected for the Honor Band must be present at every rehearsal in order to participate.
5. Auditions will be judged by District XIII band directors.
6. Students may only audition on one instrument. **The exception is percussion, where students must audition on snare drum and mallets.**

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Audition Requirements:

1. Specific audition music for your instrument (distributed in class).
2. Students auditioning on woodwinds, brass, or mallet percussion instruments will be responsible for the following major scales:

Mallets, Flutes, Oboes, Bassoons, Trombones, Bass-Clef Baritone Horns, Tubas:	Bb, Eb, Ab, F, C
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Clarinets, Bass Clarinets, Tenor Saxophones, Trumpets, Treble-Clef Baritone Horns:	C, F, Bb, G, D
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Alto and Baritone Saxophones:	G, C, F, D, A
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French Horns:	F, Bb, Eb, C, G
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These scales should be played one octave, ascending and descending. 8th Grade clarinet players will perform their scales two octaves.

Please Note: 7th Graders may use a scale sheet during their audition, 8th Graders must play their scales from memory.

3. In addition, **8TH GRADE STUDENTS** will be responsible for a one-octave Chromatic Scale starting on **Concert Bb**.
4. Students auditioning on percussion will be responsible for playing the following rudiments:

Long Roll	Flam Tap
5-Stroke Roll	Ruff
Single Stroke Roll	Paradiddle
Flam	Lesson 25

Please Note: 7th Graders may use a rudiment sheet during their audition, 8th Graders must play their rudiments from memory.

5. At the audition, each student will be asked to sight read a short piece of music provided by the judge.

Audition Time Requests:

Attached is an Audition Request Form. On the Audition Request Form, students may choose one of the following time requests: Early AM, Late AM, Early PM, Late PM, or no preference. Unfortunately, specific time requests cannot be honored. If you wish to audition for Honor Band, please complete this form and return it with your \$3.00 audition fee to one of the band directors by **Tuesday, November 17**.

Audition times will be sent to us the week before auditions. Every effort will be made to schedule students' morning or afternoon time requests, although there are no guarantees that all time requests can be accommodated.

Honor Jazz Band:

Again this year there will be a Junior High Honor Jazz Band. Auditions for this honor group will also take place at Fairfield Middle School, in Fairfield, Ohio, on Saturday, December 5, but the Junior High Honor Jazz Band will hold their festival during a **separate weekend**, January 8, 9, and 10, 2010, at Lakota East High School, with an additional rehearsal Tuesday, January 5, 2010, from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M.

1. Students may audition for both the Honor Concert Band and Jazz Band since the two events take place on separate weekends.
2. Honor Jazz Band audition music is available from the band directors and is geared toward the eighth grade performance level. Seventh grade students would probably best be served by focusing their practice time on the Honor Concert Band audition music.
3. **Students auditioning for both concert band and jazz ensemble will need to pay the \$3.00 registration fee for each audition and fill out two separate Audition Request Forms.** (There will also be an approximate \$25.00 registration fee for those who are selected to perform in the Honor Jazz Band; however, that fee will not be collected until January.)
4. Students auditioning for the Honor Jazz Band will be responsible for the same scale requirements as 8th Grade Honor Concert Band, but with no chromatic scale (drum set players will perform scales on vibraphone). Students auditioning on piano, bass, guitar, or vibraphone should be prepared to play concert F, Bb, Eb, and C major scales in one octave (hands together for pianists, one or two octaves).
5. At the audition, each student will be asked to sight read a short piece of music provided by the judge.

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6. Junior high students will have the **option** to improvise over a blues progression in concert Bb, along with a rhythm section on a CD (no CD for drum set), for one chorus (12 measures). The improvisation section of the audition is **optional** for junior high students, and students who chose not to improvise **will not** be penalized.

7. Drum set players should be prepared to demonstrate a variety of styles including swing, rock, a Latin groove of the student's choice, and a ballad with brushes.

The Honor Band program in our district has been very worthwhile over the years, and we encourage any L.J.S. student who is interested to audition. Good luck to everyone! Thanks in advance for all of your extra practice on your audition music.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Knueven and Mr. Nordyke