



OHIO MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

2015 District 12 Middle School Honor Band

December 15, 2014

District 12 Middle School Band Director,

We are pleased at Kettering Fairmont to be hosting the D12 Middle School Honor band for the second year. Last year we had nearly 250 students participate from over 20 middle school programs in our region.

Included in this mailing is a schedule of events, audition materials, student letter, and directors checklist. The event will work very much like last year, in that students will be nominated by their director and then have the opportunity to audition for seating placement in one of two honor bands based on ability. **All students who complete the audition will be accepted into one of the two groups.** Our goal is to take every student who auditions to ensure that no student or school is left unrepresented. That said, we ask that directors use their own judgement in sending students who they know would be successful both musically and socially. All auditions, rehearsals, and performances will be held at Fairmont High School located at 3301 Shroyer Road in Kettering.

In the past, the honor band concert has been on Sunday afternoon. This year we are unable to hold a Sunday concert due to another event here at Fairmont that day. Rather than a Saturday-Sunday schedule, we will run a Friday-Saturday event instead. We feel the schedule enclosed will still work to provide a good experience for students while still allowing for adequate facilities, equipment, parking, and other needs of the honor band process.

Included in the directors checklist is a link to register your students online. Audition time requests can be made and we will do our best to honor as many as possible. After registration, we will send an audition schedule to share with your students.

2015 Guest Conductors

Symphonic Band Director: Dr. Brandon Jones, Associate Professor of Music at Wittenberg University

Concert Band Director: Mrs. Susan Bass, Band Director with the Mason City Schools

We are looking forward to another great year for the middle school honor band students of District 12!

Sincerely,

Bryce Newton

Jeff Blume

Krista Berning

2015 Honor Band Website with info to share with students/parents

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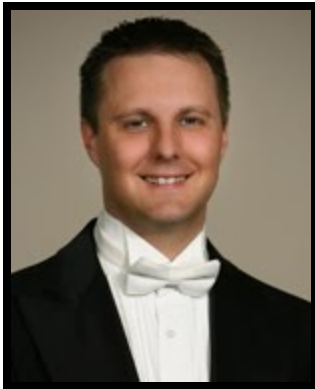
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February 13 and 14, 2015

Kettering Fairmont High School
3301 Shroyer Road
Kettering, Ohio 45429



Dr. Brandon Jones
Symphonic Band Director

Prior to his graduate studies at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Jones taught band at the junior high and high school levels in the Princeton City School District. He is in demand as a clinician and guest conductor for area schools and honor bands. He has appeared as a guest conductor with the Miami University Wind Ensemble, Xavier University Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Ohio Private College Instrumental Conductors Association Honors Concert Band, and Messiah College Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Jones has presented at the National Conference of the College Band Directors National Association and is a contributing author to the best-selling *Teaching Music through Performance in Band* series (GIA Publications). Jones holds professional memberships in the College Band Directors National Association, Ohio Private College Instrumental Conductors Association, National Association for Music Education, and is an alumnus of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity and the Madison Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps. He was co-chair of the 2008 Ohio Music Education Association State Professional Development Conference in Cincinnati, the third largest conference of its kind in the nation.

Dr. Jones received a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Miami University, where he studied conducting with Gary Speck. He received the Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts in Wind Conducting from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music as a student of Rodney Winther. Jones lives in Mason, Ohio with his wife, Stephanie, founder of the Mason City School District's orchestra program, and their daughters Cecilia and Alaina.



Mrs. Susan Bass
Concert Band Director

Susan Bass joined the instrumental team at Mason City Schools in the Fall of 2000. Her teaching responsibilities include Seventh and Eighth Grade Concert Bands, Seventh and Eighth Grade Jazz Band, and Assistant High School Marching Band Director as visual coordinator. Mrs. Bass is in her 29th year as an Ohio Music Educator.

Prior to her years at Mason, she taught instrumental music in the Kings Local School District for 14 years. Ensembles and students under the direction of Mrs. Bass have performed at OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event, OMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival, and have consistently received the highest ratings at these events. In 2013, the Mason Symphonic Winds performed at the OMEA Professional Development Conference. More recently, the Mason Symphonic Winds was honored to be invited to perform in the 2014 Music for All National Concert Band Festival.

Mrs. Bass received her higher academic training at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and Walden University in Music Education and Curriculum Development, respectively.

Mrs. Bass attributes her passion for music and drive for excellence to her father who has guided and supported her throughout her music career. Her husband Robert is the band director of the William Mason High School bands and her son Andrew is currently attending the New England Conservatory of Music. Mrs. Bass was the recipient of the "Celebrate Excellence Award" in 2013 sponsored by the Hamilton County Education Foundation. Her professional memberships include the National Association for Music Education, Ohio Music Education Association, Phi Beta Mu, Sigma Alpha Iota, and Tau Beta Sigma.



Director's checklist . . .

- Distribute audition music to students and encourage them to audition.
 - All info/audition music available at this website: <http://goo.gl/GdYY2y>
 - Share this link with students/parents.
- Register your students online using the Google Form.
 - Access Google Form Here:
<https://docs.google.com/a/ketteringschools.org/forms/d/1JxGbFo4G9GVm6cOSqsJh0qcuCs5du2dkxVmOPLoyFvk/viewform>
 - Collect t-shirt sizes of students auditioning and a parent cell number for emergency texts if necessary due to weather-related cancellations.
- Submit registrations in Google Form **no later than** Monday, January 12th.
- Meet with your students to ensure they are ready for the audition.
- ***Please check your availability for the following:***
 - Saturday, Jan 24th from 9-1 if you can judge auditions
 - Sunday, Feb 8th Read-thru rehearsal if you would like to spend some time in front of one or both of the bands.
 - Friday, Feb 13th - 6-9pm Sectionals

***We hope to be able to pay judges and sectional coaches a small amount for their time - Email Bryce if you can help!*
- Make students/parents aware of the \$35 registration fee due on the audition day, as well as the emergency medical form. Students will receive a t-shirt for the performance as well as lunch on Saturday before the concert.
- Email cancellations immediately as they occur.
- Go over expectations with students/parents, especially rehearsal attendance:
If a student cannot attend all of the honor band rehearsals, do not send them to audition.

*Any questions, changes, or cancellations:
contact Bryce Newton at Kettering Fairmont:
Bryce.Newton@ketteringschools.org*



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Dear Middle School Student,

We are excited to invite you to audition for the OMEA District 12 Middle School Honor Bands! There will be an open audition for two middle school honor bands for students in the Dayton area. Students will be split into a Symphonic Band and a Concert Band. Please let your band director know if you would like to audition for these groups. The auditions, rehearsals, and performances will all be at Kettering Fairmont High School located at 3301 Shroyer Rd. Kettering, OH. Individual auditions will be on Saturday, January 24th. You can request to audition early AM, late AM, or early PM if you need to. We will let your band director know when your audition time is and will do our best to honor all time requests. The fee for participation in this group will be \$35 and will be due at the time you audition. **All students who audition will be accepted into one of the two honor bands.**

Please do not plan to participate if you cannot make all rehearsals and the performance. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, January 24th

9AM - 1PM Seating Auditions at Kettering Fairmont High School
\$35 registration fee and emergency medical form due upon arrival
(Checks payable to: "OMEA District 12 Treasurer")

Sunday, February 8th

2-4 PM Read-Thru Rehearsal at Kettering Fairmont

Friday, February 13th

6-9 PM Rehearsal at Fairmont

Saturday, February 14th

9-12 PM Rehearsal at Fairmont
12-2 PM Lunch Break (lunch provided for students)
2-2:45 PM Dress Rehearsal
3:00 PM ***Concert - Fairmont High School Auditorium***

Contact Mr. Newton at Kettering Fairmont with any questions
bryce.newton@ketteringschools.org

More info available online at <http://goo.gl/GdYY2y>