

Dear HCPSS Band Students,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. As we begin the year, all HCPSS high school band members are encouraged to apply for the HCPSS High School Honors Band. The Honors Band will perform in concert on Saturday, January 12, 2019, 7:00 PM at Marriotts Ridge High School. This year we are excited to welcome Guest Conductor Patricia Cornett, Director of Bands at Temple University!

As you know, Howard County is host to many outstanding music programs. These programs have earned a national reputation for excellence due to the efforts of the students, directors, and parents from our elementary, middle, and high school programs. The goal of the Honors Band is to provide a unique musical experience to make great music with students from around the county. With the opportunity to rehearse and perform with renowned conductors, world-class clinicians, and sit alongside other musicians who share a deep passion and commitment to music, the Honors Band is a “must” for all serious musicians.

Highlights include:

- The opportunity to perform under the baton of a renowned conductor
- Master Classes / Section Rehearsals with respected professionals
- The “credential” of membership in an elite ensemble of the most outstanding musicians in Howard County

Requirements

- Applicants **MUST** be currently enrolled in a HCPSS high school.
- Applicants **MUST** be members of their school band program.
- Applicants **MUST** be able to commit to the full rehearsal/performance schedule.

Application - Selection Process:

Students can apply by logging onto <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/fine-arts/music/gt/>. Scroll down and follow the links for the *High School Honors Band Application*. **The deadline for student applications is October 12, 2018.** Students will be considered for the ensemble based various factors including a recommendation from their Band Director and also the need to create an ensemble that represents every school in Howard County while also maintaining ideal instrumentation to ensure musical success. Ensemble Participants will be announced no later than November 5th via emails to all students and directors.

Fees:

Selected students will be charged a fee of \$100.00 to cover the costs associated with this program. Students that are selected to participate will be required to pay the fee by **November 16** or they will forfeit their position to another student.

Application Schedule:

- Student Applications due by **10/12**
- Director Ratings due by **10/26**
- Notification of acceptance by **11/5**
- Accepted Student confirmation forms and payments due **11/16**
- Music sent out to students by **12/7**
- Seating Auditions for students on a 1st part in their section will take place prior to the first rehearsal, 8am the same day.

Rehearsal & Performance Schedule:

Remember, to participate you must make a time commitment for all rehearsals and the allotted time. If you have a conflict, do not apply.

| | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
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| <i>Prep Rehearsal</i> | January 5 | 9am - 1pm | Atholton High School |
| <i>Prep Rehearsal</i> | January 10 | 3pm - 9pm | Atholton High School |
| <i>Prep Rehearsal</i> | January 11 | 3pm - 9pm | Atholton High School |
| <i>Dress Rehearsal</i> | January 12 | 9am - 1pm | Marriotts Ridge High School |
| <i>Performance</i> | January 12 | 7pm (<i>Call-Time 6pm</i>) | Marriotts Ridge High School |

To apply go to <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/fine-arts/music/gt/>

If you have questions, do not hesitate to ask your director or contact us at the emails below for more information!

Sincerely,

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