

## 2020-2021 HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE AUDITION INFO

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| <b>Instrument*</b>   | <b>Audition Assignment- Joy Revisited, Frank Ticheli (150-160bpm)</b><br><b>ALL EXCERPTS MUST BE PERFORMED AT TEMPO</b>                             |
| Flute  | 98-END (Skip long rests to 110, just pause)   |
| Oboe   | 98-END (Skip long rests to 110, just pause; play top)   |
| Bassoon  | 98-END (Play all)   |
| Clarinet (2 <sup>nd</sup> part)  | 98-END (Play all)   |
| Bass Clarinet  | 98-END (Play all)   |
| Alto Sax (2 <sup>nd</sup> part)  | 98-END (Count rests through, don't skip)  |
| Tenor Sax  | 98-END (Play all)   |
| Bari Sax   | 98-END (Play all)   |
| Trumpet (2 <sup>nd</sup> part)   | 98-END (Play top, count rests through, don't skip)  |
| FHorn  | 98-END (Play all)   |
| Trombone   | 98-END (Play all)   |
| Euphonium/Baritone   | 98-END (Play all)   |
| Tuba   | 98-END (Play all)   |
| Percussion**   | Snare Drum- Bracket-END<br>Mallets- B-END; YES REPEAT AND TAKE BOTH ENDINGS<br>Be able to tune timpani to a given pitch and demonstrate a long roll |
| <p>*All students will also need to <b>prepare a chromatic scale</b> of their choosing, played as quickly as possible and be ready to play a <b>major scale selected from the following concert pitches: Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, F or C</b>. All scales must be performed from memory. A rhythmic sight reading will also be expected.</p> <p>**Percussion must audition on all three components of the section: snare, mallets and timpani as described. Scales and sight reading are also expected.</p> |   |

### Audition dates, times and locations:

**(Mr. Welker will be at your school, no need to travel. Directors will assign time as needed)**

**February 24<sup>th</sup>**- Current HoHS students, after school @ HoHS

**February 25<sup>th</sup>**- Elkridge Landing MS students, after school @ ELMS

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**- Bonnie Branch MS students, after school @ BBMS

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**- Ellicott Mills MS students, during school @ EMMS

### FAQ's about auditions and the band program:

#### ***Who can audition?***

Any student who is interested in performing in the top ensemble at HoHS is encouraged to audition!

#### ***What do I need to play for my audition?***

This quick chart might help you out:

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| Assignment printed<br>from the band website | Chromatic Scale<br>(Your choice, fast) | Major Scale<br>(Mr. Welker's choice) | Sight Reading<br>(Provided to you) |
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### ***But I'm nervous! What if I mess up in my audition?***

Everyone makes mistakes. Don't obsess over a mistake- keep going and finish strong no matter what. A mistake will not prevent you from getting in.

### ***If I make it, do I have to be in Marching Band?***

Yes, members of Wind Ensemble are expected to participate in Marching Band as part of the curricular requirement for this course.

### ***If I don't make it, what happens?***

If you don't make it, please don't feel defeated! You are encouraged to join us in concert band where we will spend time to build your skills and get you ready for the next season of auditions. No matter where you are in the music department, you are valuable and important- never forget that! The music department is a tremendous family to be a part of. You will have friends across ensembles throughout the school regardless of what ensemble you have made.

### ***If I don't make it, can I still be in marching band?***

YES. 100% YES. New to the program is the encouragement of students from all ensembles to participate in marching band. It is expected of members in Wind Ensemble, but ANYONE in the school can participate should they desire the experience.

### ***Can I be in band and still do sports?***

Yes, absolutely. We have many athletes that participate in band. It is of paramount importance however, that you recognize the level of maturity needed to participate in both. A strong handle on your schedule and consistent communication skills are necessary to make this work. All communications must be initiated by YOU- it is your experience, take a hold of it!

### ***How will I know if I made it?***

Mr. Welker will contact your family directly to let you know the status of your audition and post a list of accepted members on the band website. In either case, you will get an email or a phone call letting you know how you've done. Please allow a few days for results.

Please let me know if you have any further questions- I am happy to clarify anything that hasn't been made clear on this letter. I try to get back to emails as quickly as possible- if you don't hear back in a day or so then don't hesitate to resend your thoughts.

I am excited to meet everyone that will be joining us in band at Howard High School. You are fantastic musicians from great mentors and this is a place where we will celebrate that every chance we can.

## **NOW GO PRACTICE!**

Sincerely,

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