

NORTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS

1606 GEER HIGHWAY
TRAVELERS REST, SC 29690
(864) 355 6952



JAKE MITCHELL, DIRECTOR OF BANDS

NWMS Band Reminders/Updates – Friday, October 9, 2015

Hello Band Family,

Please forgive me for not having reminders to you last week. I received news Thursday that my grandfather had passed away. I left for Missouri that afternoon and did not have access to my laptop. Thank You to those of you who have offered your condolences. And many thanks to your children who have been very understanding and kind.

*Our 6th and 7th grade bands will be performing their annual Fall concert at Berea High School on Thursday, October 29th. Call time for students is 6 P.M. with the concert beginning at 7. Doors will open for parents at 6:45 P.M. Typically, our concerts are at Travelers Rest High School. Unfortunately, we were not able to secure the auditorium there for our requested date. Dress for students is concert black. For those of you who are new to our band, concert black is: black shirt, black pants, black socks, and black shoes. Ladies may wear a black skirt or dress as long as the length is below the knees when standing.

*On October 22nd, our 7th grade band will have an after school rehearsal from 3:30 until 4:45 P.M. This is so our full band can perform together once before our Fall concert one week from then.

*On October 27th, our 6th grade band will have an after school rehearsal from 3:30 until 4:45 P.M. I for one am excited to see 81 students performing music together! This will allow for an outstanding Fall program.

Extra opportunities for your young musician (for 7th and 8th grade band students only):

*The Limestone Invitational Band Clinic – I have had several students express an interest in this clinic again this year. The clinic is scheduled to be from Thursday afternoon, November 19 to Saturday afternoon, November 21st. I have made nominations based on student interest and class performance. Please see the link below for more information. When I am made aware of who has been accepted to participate, I will let you know! This was a great deal of fun last year, and I'm sure this year will be the same or better.

<http://legacy.limestone.edu/academics/music/clinics-and-events/high-school-honor-band-clinic>

*Region One Honor Band Auditions – These will be held on Saturday, January 9th at Greer High School. Students who make the band will participate in the Region Band Clinic at Converse College on February 19th and 20th. For more information on this event (and what it is), please visit our website. Also, please see this link: <http://bandlink.org/allstate/sites/>

*Greenville All-County Honor Band Auditions – These auditions will be held on Monday, January 11th. The clinic will be held on Thursday, February 25th and Friday, February 26th at Riverside High School. Audition requirements are slightly different than region band auditions for some instruments. Please see the other document attached with this email.

*Audition Fee – Both of these events require a \$10 audition fee for each (i.e. \$20 total). I always advise students to take both auditions because they are virtually the same process and this doubles the students' chances of making one of the bands. Not only are these honor bands a great musical experience, they also look great on a college application (even in middle school). I hope many students will consider auditioning! If there

is a financial issue with registration fees, please bring this to my attention and we will see what can be done to make sure every student who would like the opportunity may have it.

Events for the week of 10/12/15 (all events will be from 3:30 to 4:45):

Monday, 10/12 – Region Band Help/Sectional

Tuesday, 10/13 – Jazz Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, 10/14 – Faculty meeting, no lessons/rehearsal

Please let me know if there are any questions! Have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,

Jake Mitchell