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2016 Davie All-County Band Auditions

Your student has signed up to audition for the Davie County Middle School All-County Band! The all-county band is an awesome collaborative effort as it is comprised of Davie Counties top middle school musicians. Participants of the all-county band get to work with a well-respected, knowledgeable, and exciting clinician with all their hard work culminating in a performance for their families. This is a unique experience that will showcase our student's hard work and abilities, and we are very fortunate to have the chance to offer our students the opportunity to be in the Davie All-County Band.

Placement will be by audition. If students sign up to audition for the band, we ask that they approach it as if they made the band and are able to attend the clinic in its entirety. It makes it very hard on those preparing the clinic to have students make it, and then not show up for the event. This puts another student on the spot by having to fill a position on short notice. If students know for a fact that they cannot make the clinic, we ask that they do not audition.

Audition Date	Monday, October 17 th
Audition Location	North Davie Middle School
Audition Time	Auditions start at 4 and end at 7 PM (approximately)
Audition Fee	\$5 per student
Audition Transportation	Option 1. Bus to and parent pick up after. Option 2. Parent transport to and pickup. Students that need a ride to the auditions will remain at SD after school on the day of Auditions, and they will be bused to North Davie. Bus transportation will <u>NOT</u> be provided back to South, so please plan to be at North at a certain time or have your student call just before they audition.
Clinic Date	Friday, November 4 th & Saturday, November 5 th
Clinic Location	Brock Performing Arts Center ("BPAC")
Clinic Times	Friday from 9 AM-5:30 PM, and Saturday from 9 AM-Noon, Concert @ 2 PM

Students will need to return the permission form and pay the \$5 audition fee by **Monday, October 17th**. Once money has been submitted, there will be no return of fees unless an emergency situation arises.

Audition Reminders

While off campus, you are representing SDMS, the band, and your families. Please be polite and use your manners with anyone that you interact with.

If you are riding the bus to auditions, we will report to the cafeteria as this will be the warm-up location. Please do not automatically get out your horn and start practicing! Sit down, relax, talk to your friends, do some homework, read a book. Do not roam around the school, and once we announce that auditions have begun, you can warm up. You should only do long tones, slurs, scales, and run the prepared piece a few times. Do not tire your chops out and keep practicing over and over. Also, at no time should you break out any other sheet music or perform from memory any tunes or jingles, or play any other tunes that you may know as a soloist or a group. Be classy!

For those that have parents bringing them to auditions, drop by at any time between 4 PM & 7 PM. Please report to the cafeteria, warm-up, and get in line to audition. Once finished, students can leave with their parent.

Do not be intimidated by those around you that may be practicing scales or music at a fast tempo. Remember how we have prepared in class, and that slow and accurate is ALWAYS more important than fast and sloppy!

Do not audition first, and do not audition last. Please do not wear any SD apparel as we want to keep the auditions as fair as possible.

Students riding the bus should be picked up soon after their audition. Please be sure students have access to a cell phone, or designate a time for you to meet them there to pick up.

Have fun and do your best! Good luck!

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