

28 February 2017

Dear District 211 Honor Band Student,

Congratulations on having been chosen for the 2017 District 211 Honor Band. Performing in this ensemble is an honor and a very significant musical accomplishment – be proud! Please review all of the information in this packet to ensure that you are thoroughly prepared for March 17th & 18th. This year’s guest conductor is Jay Gephart, Director of Bands at Purdue University. Professor Gephart is an outstanding conductor, clinician, and music educator who has conducted numerous All-State and honor bands throughout the United States; he also has had highly successful experience as a high school band director with one of the premier band programs in Indianapolis. We are certain you will greatly enjoy working with him. Please see his bio on page two of this handout.

Other Important Information:

- **All students should extensively practice and prepare their music prior to the first rehearsal on March 17th.** This music is challenging and very demanding at times. You cannot be sight-reading any of the music on March 17th. Part of the reason you have been selected for the D211 Honor Band is because your director trusts that you will thoroughly prepare your parts prior to our first rehearsal. Please be responsible and honor this obligation to the ensemble.
- Please use the D211 Honor Band website as a resource. YouTube links and mp3s of each composition are posted on the website. <http://www.schaumburgband.com/honorband>
- Check your music packet to make sure you have four individual pieces of music. Percussionists are the exception to this; please refer to your part assignments.
- **Pencils are required for both days and not optional.** Consider your pencil as part of your instrument/music.
- **Concert dress** is white dress shirt/blouse, black dress pants or black skirt (knee length when seated), black socks, black dress shoes, dark tie for collared shirts. For the rehearsal on Saturday, March 18th, students can arrive in their concert attire or change during the lunch break prior to the concert.

Congratulations again and please do not hesitate to contact us or your band director if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Erickson
Band Director, Hoffman Estates HS

Mr. Orlicz
Associate Band Director, Hoffman Estates HS
2017 D211 Honor Band Coordinators/Site Hosts

(see reverse for more information)

District 211 Honor Band – Information and Schedule

Jay Gephart, Guest Conductor; Director of Bands, Purdue University
Hoffman Estates High School Auditorium – March 17 & 18, 2017

The Crosley March by Henry Fillmore

Third Suite for Band (Scenes de Ballet) by Alfred Reed

Minimalist Dances by Matthew Conaway

Dragoon's Farewell by Brant Karrick

District 211 Honor Band Website: www.schaumburgband.com/honorband

Friday, March 17th Schedule

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| 8:00-8:25am | Students arrive at HEHS (via D211 chauffer & yellow limosine) |
| 8:30-11:25am | Rehearsal in HEHS Auditorium |
| 11:30am-12:25pm (approx.) | Lunch (provided by HEHS) |
| 12:35-2:00pm | Rehearsal |
| 2:00-2:10pm | Students and directors depart for home schools (via above “method”) |

Saturday, March 18th Schedule

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| 9:50am | Call time for all students in HEHS Aud (students provide transportation) |
| 10:00am-12:25pm | Rehearsal in HEHS Auditorium |
| 12:30-1:15pm | Lunch (provided by HELP: H offman E states L oyal P artners) |
| 1:15-1:35pm | Change into concert attire |
| 2:00pm | Concert |
| 3:00pm | Reception in HEHS Cafeteria |

Jay S. Gephart joined the faculty of Purdue University in the fall of 1995 after completing 12 years as a public school band director. In July of 2001, he was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure and in 2009 was promoted to Full Professor. In November, 2006, Professor Gephart was appointed Director of University Bands and currently serves as the Al G. Wright Chair of Purdue Bands and Orchestras. He is the director of the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band the Purdue University Wind Ensemble. He is also coordinator of the concert band program. From 1995-2006, Professor Gephart served as the music director for the Purdue Symphony Orchestra. He also services as Artistic Director for the Kokomo, Indiana Park Band.

Professor Gephart received a Master of Music Degree in Tuba Performance with High Distinction from Indiana University in 1988 and a Bachelor of Music Education Degree with Distinction from Indiana University in 1983. Under his direction, the Purdue Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra have shared the stage with some of the nation’s outstanding soloists and have represented Purdue at the Indiana Music Educators Association state convention on two occasions. In February of 2012 the Purdue Wind Ensemble performed a concert at the national convention of the American Bandmaster's Association, held in Indianapolis. Under his direction, the Wind Ensemble has also performed concerts in Chicago’s Symphony Center and in New York’s Carnegie Hall on two occasions.

Under his direction the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band has traveled literally around the world. With recent performances in Beijing China, the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland and La Feria de las Flores in Medellin, Colombia, the “All-American” Marching Band continues to serve as an ambassador for Purdue, the state of Indiana and the nation.