

Dear District 211 Honor Band Student,

Congratulations on being selected for the 2020 District 211 Honor Band. Performing in this ensemble is an honor and a very significant musical accomplishment! Please review all of the information in this packet to ensure that you are thoroughly prepared for March 13th and 14th. This year's guest conductor is Dr. Mike Fansler from Western Illinois University. Dr. Fansler is an outstanding conductor, clinician, and music educator who has conducted numerous All-State and honor bands throughout the country. We are positive that 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 13th.** This music is challenging and very demanding at times. You cannot be sight-reading any of the music on March 13th. Part of the reason that you have been selected for this Honor Band is because your director trusts that you will thoroughly prepare your parts prior to the 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 (available on 2/18/20).
<http://www.schaumburgband.com/honorband>
- **Students will be automatically enrolled in the District 211 Honor Band Schoology group.** News, updates and materials for the group can be found there.
- **Check your music packet to make sure that all four compositions are accounted for.**
- **Pencils are required for both days and are not optional.** Consider your pencil as part of your instrument/music.
- Dress for the concert 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 14th, 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 your band director if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

The Band Directors of District 211

(see backside for more information)

District 211 Honor Band - Information and Schedule

Dr. Mike Fansler, Guest Conductor

Palatine High School, Altergott Auditorium - March 13-14, 2020

Let Freedom Ring by Ryan Nowlin

Chorale and Shaker Dance by John Zdechlik

El Camino Real by Alfred Reed

Brighton Beach by William Latham

District 211 Honor Band Website (available on 2/18/20): www.schaumburgband.com/honorband

Friday, March 13th Schedule

8:00-8:25am	Students arrive at PHS
8:30-11:25am	Rehearsal in PHS Auditorium
11:30am-12:25pm (approx.)	Lunch (provided by PHS)
12:35-2:00pm	Rehearsal
2:00-2:10pm	Students and directors depart for home schools

Saturday, March 14th Schedule

9:50am	Call time for all students at PHS (students provide transportation)
11:00am-12:25pm	Rehearsal in PHS Auditorium
12:30-1:15pm	Lunch (provided by PHS)
1:15-1:35pm	Change into concert attire
2:00pm	Concert
3:00pm	Reception in PHS Cafeteria

Dr. Mike Fansler

Western Illinois University



Mike Fansler is Professor of Music and Director of Bands at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois, where he provides direction and leadership for its comprehensive band program. He serves as conductor of the university Wind Ensemble and Chamber Players and teaches graduate and undergraduate conducting. He has served Western Illinois University since 2001.

Dr. Fansler's passion for music has led to performance invitations, conducting seminars and workshops on five continents. He regularly conducts honor bands throughout the United States including his most recent engagements with the Pennsylvania All-State Wind Ensemble, Las Vegas Honor Band and All-Iowa Band. He has lectured on the music of Percy Grainger at the Midwest Clinic and through a grant, visited the Grainger Museum in Melbourne, Australia to further study his music and life.

His education is from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Syracuse University, James Madison University, and Schenectady County Community College. Dr. Fansler remains actively engaged in the Macomb Community as conductor of the Macomb Municipal Band (est. 1852) and saxophonist in the American Legion's Post 6 Big Band.