

Michigan Wind & Percussion Festival

March 24 and 25, 2009

Hosted by the Battle Creek Lakeview and Portage Northern Bands

Directors,

We are very excited about the Festival this year and having your group perform for our outstanding group of clinicians. Due to the number of applications and the requests for times we have decided to forgo Monday. Thank you to those of you who were able to take your secondary times to accommodate this change. Please see the schedule below and let me know if there are any conflicts or changes that need to be made. Invite your Parents! What a great way for them to see what we do everyday in our classrooms! I would also like to encourage you to see other bands. There are many fine bands performing – what a great way for your students to see other groups and what they are doing!

A few things to remember –

- Bring 3 numbered scores (original scores preferred but not required)
- Arrive 15-20 min's prior to your scheduled warm-up time.
- We supply all percussion equipment (Please email if there is a question about availability - particularly if you have an odd request)
- We will supply you with a video of your rehearsal session as well as a recording of your performance.

The performance schedule is:

	Tuesday, March 24	Wednesday, March 25
3:00	Kalamazoo Christian 8 th Grade Band	Kalamazoo Christian 7 th Grade Band
3:40	Lawton High School Band	Bellevue High School Band
4:20	Thornapple Kellogg 8 th Grade Band	Thornapple Kellogg 7 th Grade Band
5:00	Marshall High School Concert Band	BC Lakeview 7 th Grade Band
5:40	Marshall High School Symphonic Band	BC Lakeview 8 th Grade Band
7:00	BC Lakeview Wind Ensemble	Portage Central 8 th Grade Varsity Band
7:40	PNHS Symphonic Band	Galesburg Augusta Middle School Band
8:20	PNHS Wind Ensemble	PNMS 7 th /8 th Grade Band

Arrival:

Plan to arrive 15-20 minutes prior to your warm up time. This will allow for smooth transitions in and out of the warm ups. Please have your students dropped off in front of the Auditorium. There will be a director check in booth at which time you will receive your welcome packet and guides. They will be with you for your entire stay.

Warm Ups:

Your warm up time will begin 35 minutes prior to your performance time. This will allow for 30 minutes of warm ups followed by 5 minutes of transition time to the performance space. We will have some percussion equipment available in the warm up room. As soon as the band on stage is done, we will escort your percussionists on to stage to begin setup.

Performance Time:

You may choose to use your performance time as you see fit. You will be allotted 35 minutes to set-up and perform. There are no requirements as to what to perform or how long to perform.

Post Performance Clinic:

After your performance you will be escorted off stage into our Rehearsal Clinic. You will then rehearse with one of our fine clinicians for approximately 25 minutes. Your parents, friends, and family are welcome to sit in the back of the rehearsal space. You will be provided a video of the rehearsal.

Arriving/Departing Early or Late:

If you need to arrive before 2pm or if you plan to depart more than 1 hour after your clinic is finished, please contact me ahead of time to let me know. It is not a problem, we just need to make sure we make accommodations.

Our Clinicians:

Tuesday: Ken Bauman (SAU), Barry Martin (GVSU), Sam McIlhagga (Albion), Jeananne Nichols (Olivet)

Wednesday: Ken Bauman, John Lychner (WMU), Barry Martin, Jeananne Nichols

If you have any further questions or concerns, please email me. Otherwise we look forward to hearing you!

Sincerely,

Josh Bartz
Director of Bands, Portage Northern High School