January 7, 2016

Dear Colleague,

Greetings from Frostburg State University! I would like to formally invite your students to attend the Frostburg State University High School Honor Band being held this year on Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6, 2016.

The FSU Honor Band Festival will begin with registration and seating auditions on Friday, March 4 (late afternoon / early evening), followed by a performance by the jazz faculty of FSU. Rehearsals will begin first thing on Saturday morning, March 5, and the festival will conclude with the Honor Band concert on Sunday, March 6, at 3:00 p.m. The schedule will include a combination of rehearsals and master classes, and the FSU Wind Ensemble will be performing their first concert of the spring semester on Saturday evening as a part of the festival weekend.

Our festival makes every attempt to involve all the students that you feel will benefit from this special experience. Please use the Director’s Recommendation Form to list the students that you would like to see participate and that you know will follow through with their participation. **This form is now available online only, at this location: http://goo.gl/forms/Ze1ACVpcTF.** If you decide to send more than one student, please rank your students by overall ability. For each student, please also rate their ability level on a scale of 1-3, as described on the enclosed nomination form. In the “Comments” section of the nomination form, please rate percussionists specifically in each of three areas: snare drum, timpani, and mallets. (Also give them an overall rating as you would your other students.) For all students, please indicate experience with other festivals, honor bands, and other performance activities such as Solo & Ensemble festivals. Also, please indicate previous participation in the FSU Honor Band. Preliminary part assignments will be based on the information you give me, so please be fair and accurate in your comments and recommendations. Students will need to fill out a registration form and return it to you with payment, so that you can send in all your registration forms together. The registration fee for this year’s festival is $40 and is due in advance of the festival. This fee is non-refundable. I have supplied hard copy of the registration form, and it is also available on our website: http://www.frostburg.edu/music.

**The deadline for receipt of all recommendation forms is Wednesday, January 27.** Music will be sent to you shortly thereafter. Please make every effort to get your registration forms in around that date as well, and don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

On behalf of Frostburg State University, we would like to thank you for your participation in the FSU Honor Band. I am looking forward to seeing you and working with your students in March.

Sincerely,

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