

Dear Eighth Grade Band students and parents,

Thank you very much for continuing your musical education next year and joining the Fremd Band program! We are confident that you will find the Band program both challenging and rewarding. Eighth grade students are automatically enrolled in our Freshmen Concert Band (C157-01), however students can opt to audition for our sophomore level Symphonic Winds. **Please note that these auditions are completely optional and not required. Each year about 95% of our incoming freshmen perform in the Concert Band, with only a small percentage of students promoted to Symphonic Winds.** Students are chosen for Symphonic Winds due to his/her instrument technical skills, musicality, and instrumentation needs of the ensemble.

### **Student Video Auditions – Due Wednesday April 28th**

1. Each student's audition will consist of the ILMEA Junior scale page and the chosen instrument etude/solo.
2. Submitted video recordings should consist of the ILMEA Junior scales being performed first followed by the etude. Students should state their name at the start of the recording.
3. Students should first record and perform the first ten measures (five staves) of the ILMEA Junior scale page for their instrument. **All notes should be tongued with a metronome playing eighth note = 90 bpm.** The metronome needs to be audible on the video recording along with the student's performance to show he/she is playing at the correct tempo.
4. Students should prepare the entire etude from where it says "Start" and "Stop" in green ink. Students must record their etude performance along with an audible metronome, at the designated tempo as indicated at the start of the etude.
5. One or two video recordings should be sent to Mr. Moore ([mmoore@d211.org](mailto:mmoore@d211.org)) by Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> as a shared YouTube video or shared Google file. Please also email Mr. Moore a parent email address and the student's non-school email address. Mr. Moore will email back the parent to confirm receiving the audition video link.
6. Students are allowed to make two separate recordings (one of the ILMEA Junior scales, one of the etude) or combine them into one video. **Students are not allowed to cut, splice, or edit any of the performed ILMEA Junior scales or the instrument etude. These must be performed from beginning to end in "one take".**
7. Percussionists – Please perform the snare drum etude on a snare drum with snares off. The marimba etude should be performed on a student bell kit or school keyboard instrument. Both etudes should be performed at an opening dynamic of "mf", please add dynamic contrast and shape to the etudes as you see fit (meaning do not play the entire etude at the same dynamic level).
8. Percussionist scales - Due to the amount of audition material percussionists should perform the ILMEA Junior scales "Oboe" page on bells, only measures 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9.
9. Students will also need to meet with the Band Directors over Zoom on Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> for ten minutes (between 3:30-5:00 pm). This will give us a chance to meet you and also hear your sight-read a short etude. Information for how to sign-up for your ten-minute slot will be emailed to your parents.

\*Regardless of auditions, we are very excited to have you joining the Fremd Band program! Thank you very much for your interest in the eighth grader auditions. Please email Mr. Moore ([mmoore@d211.org](mailto:mmoore@d211.org)) if you have any other questions. – *Mr. Moore and Mr. Teichert*