

Dear District 211 Honor Band Student,

Congratulations on being selected for the 2018 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. This year's guest conductor is Mr. David Morrison, retired Band Director from Prospect High School. Mr. Morrison 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 and three of this handout.

- **All students should extensively practice and prepare their music prior to the first rehearsal on Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>.** The music is challenging and very demanding at times. Please do not sight-read any of the music at the first rehearsal on March 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 recordings and videos links of each composition are posted on the website: <https://fremdbands.weebly.com/district-211-honor-band-2018.html>
- Please check your music packet to make sure that all six pieces are accounted for. Percussionists are the exception to this – please refer to your part assignments.
- **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. Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> rehearsal - 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 me or your band director if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Moore

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D211 Honor Band Coordinator 2018 mmoore@d211.org 224-653-2358

*\*Please see pages 2-3 for more information and guest conductor biography*

## **District 211 Honor Band 2018 – Information and Schedule**

David Morrison, Guest Conductor

William Fremd High School - Band Room/Rm. 16 (Friday) and Gymnasium (Saturday)

### **Repertoire:**

An American Elegy - Frank Ticheli

The Cave You Fear - Michael Markowski

Chorale and Capriccio - Caesar Giovannini

Jupiter from the Planets - Gustav Holst, arr. Curnow

The Liberty Bell March - John Philip Sousa, ed. Brion/Schissel

Symphonic Dance No. 3 (“Fiesta”) - Clifton Williams

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### **Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> Schedule**

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8:00-8:25am	Students arrive at FHS main entrance
8:30-11:25am	Rehearsal in Band Room (rm. 16)
11:30am-12:25pm (approx.)	Lunch (provided by FHS)
12:35-2:00pm	Rehearsal
2:00-2:10pm	Students and directors depart for home schools

### **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> Schedule**

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9:50am	Call time for all students in FHS (students provide transportation)
10:00am-12:25pm	Rehearsal in FHS Gymnasium
12:30-1:15pm	Lunch (provided by Fremd Music Association Boosters)
1:15-1:35pm	Change into concert attire
2:00pm	Concert
3:00pm	Reception in FHS Cafeteria

## **David Morrison, Guest Conductor**

David Morrison received his formal training at the University of Illinois, where he earned both Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Music Education. From 1977 until 2006, he served as Director of Bands at Prospect High School in Mt. Prospect, Illinois, where he developed and maintained a nationally recognized band program for 29 years.

Under the direction of David Morrison, the Prospect bands were exceptionally successful. The Symphonic Band won numerous honors, including consistent first division awards from the Illinois High School Association State Band Contest, first division awards at the Chicagoland Symphonic Band Festival, and the Honor Band Award at the prestigious Superstate Band Competition. Auditioning among outstanding bands throughout the state of Illinois, the Prospect Symphonic Band was honored as a 15 time selectee to the University of Illinois Superstate Band Festival. In 1985 and 2005, the Band was chosen to perform as the Superstate Honor Band, at the Foehlinger Great Hall in the Krannert Center in Champaign, IL.

Under Mr. Morrison's direction, the Prospect Marching Band also gained recognition for their outstanding performances, winning numerous championships at the local, state, and national levels, including selection to Bands of America Grand Nationals Finals, being honored as Bands of America Regional champions and winning the University of Illinois grand championship 24 times. In addition, the marching band travelled both nationally and internationally to march in Florida, Texas, Hawaii, Arizona, Texas, New York, California and London, England, including performing in the Macy\*s Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, both on two occasions.

Since his retirement, Mr. Morrison served as conductor of the University of Illinois at Chicago Concert Band for three years, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble at Illinois Wesleyan University for one semester, and most recently as assistant at the nationally recognized Oliver McCracken Middle School program in Skokie, Illinois, for ten years. In this position, Mr. Morrison had the honor of conducting the band at both the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic held in Chicago, Illinois and at the University of Illinois Superstate Band Festival in Champaign, Illinois, where the band was selected as Honor Band on several occasions.

Mr. Morrison has also served on the adjunct faculty of DePaul University (Music education), Northern Illinois University (Student teacher supervision), Vandercook College of Music (Marching methods) and Illinois Wesleyan University (Conducting). In addition to teaching, Mr. Morrison has written articles for the ILMEA magazine, the Instrumentalist Magazine and the Journal of the National Band Association. He has recently completed a book entitled, "The Band Whisperer." Mr. Morrison continues to clinic and adjudicate bands throughout the United States and the world. He has conducted the Illinois All-State Band, numerous ILMEA district high school and middle school bands, the Singapore American School band festival in the Far East and the Moriah College Music Camp in Sydney, Australia

Honors that Mr. Morrison has received include the Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association, election to the Phi Beta Mu National Band Director's Honorary Fraternity, winner of Outstanding Contributions to Education Award, winner of the Outstanding Chicagoland Music Educator Award, winner of the Shining Star Award, nomination for the Golden Apple Award, winner of the John Painter Lifetime Achievement Award, winner of the John Philip Sousa Foundation Legion of Honor Award and induction into the Phi Beta Mu Bandmaster's Hall of Fame housed at Northwestern University. In 2003, Mr. Morrison was honored as the State of Illinois Teacher of the Year.